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INTRODUCTION

Monkey Punch's Arsène Lupin III made his debut in 1967 and over the following 35 years has become one of the most beloved manga characters of all time, inspiring several manga series, multiple television series and a plethora of feature films. Though there are some recurring characters and storylines that span several Lupin episodes, each installment in these early volumes is a self-contained tale of action and intrigue. What is important to know is that Lupin is a master thief who dabbles in other high stakes international games– a dilettante of danger, so to speak; his associates Jigen and Fujiko are as loyal to him as they are to cold hard cash; and his ravenous desire for women is oftentimes his undoing. Lupin is not so much suave as he is crafty, not so much dashing as he is cocky, but he almost always ends up getting exactly what he sets out to get. So, sit back, relax and enjoy this eighth volume of stories staring Monkey Punch's original international man of mystery.

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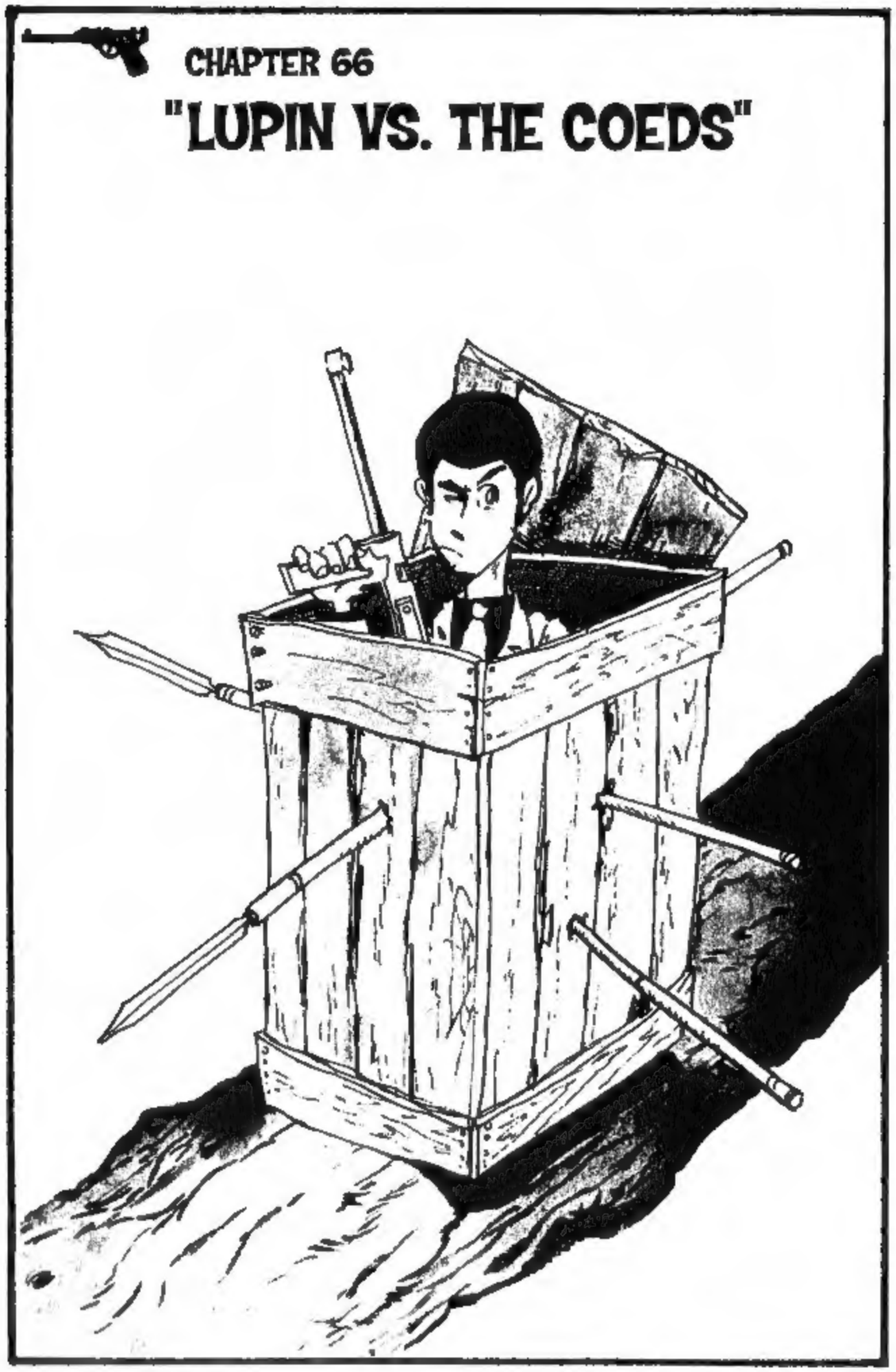
CHAPTER 66

"LUPIN VS. THE COEDS"



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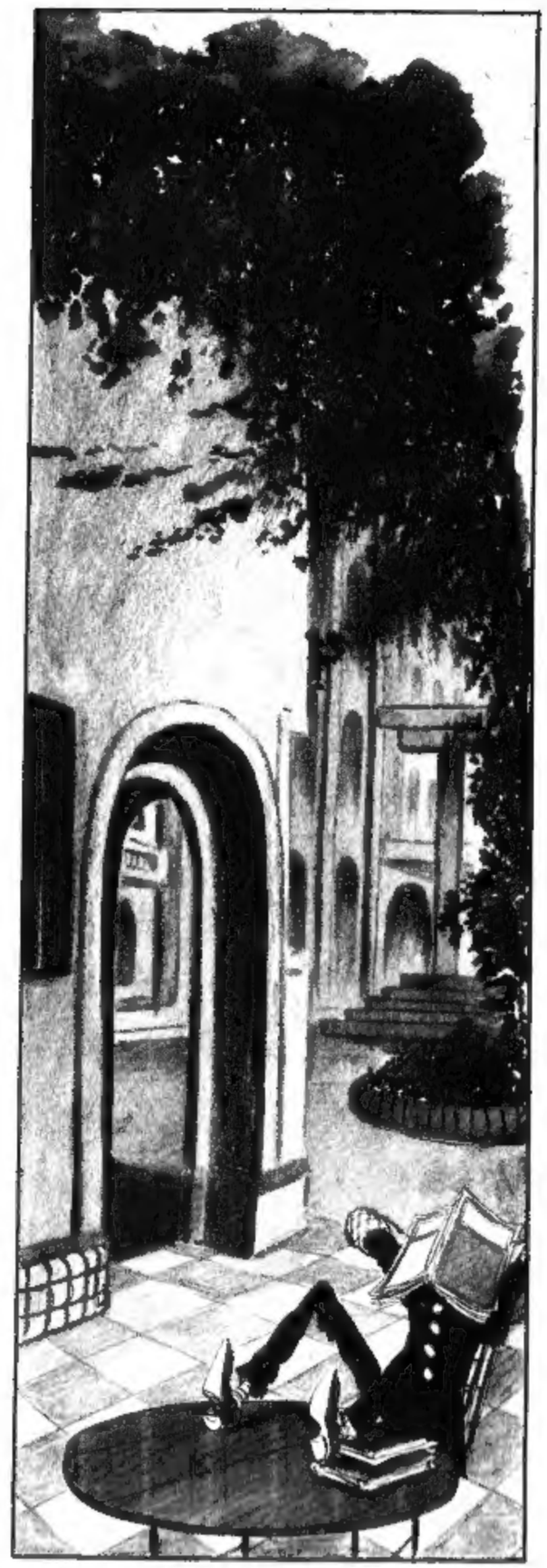
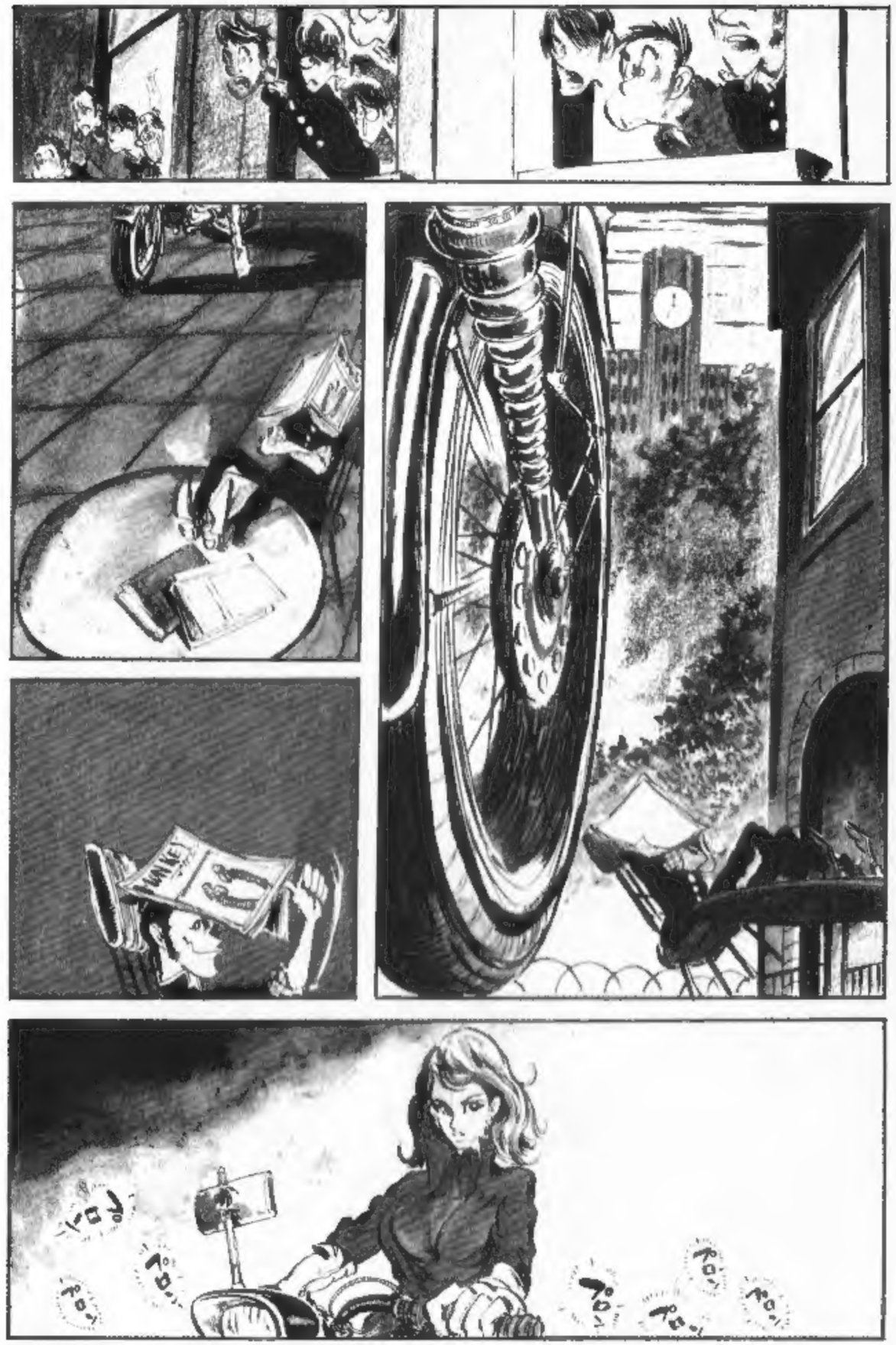
IT'S PART OF A SCHEME.
LUPIN IN PRE-MED? WHAT'S THAT ABOUT?
HAVEN'T YOU HEARD ABOUT HIS EXPERIMENT?
HEY, THERE SHE IS!





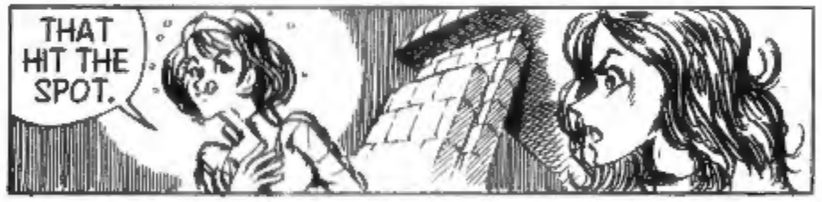
COME WITH ME, LUPIN.
FUJIKO! JUST THE GIRL I WANTED TO FLEE.
CLASSICAL... OR MODERN JAZZ?
IT'S TIME FOR YOU TO FACE THE MUSIC.
I'M SO SORRY.
YOU'RE IN BIG TROUBLE.
THANKS.
HAVE A BEER.
HEY!
I'M NOT FALLING FOR THAT!!

OH! BEER!

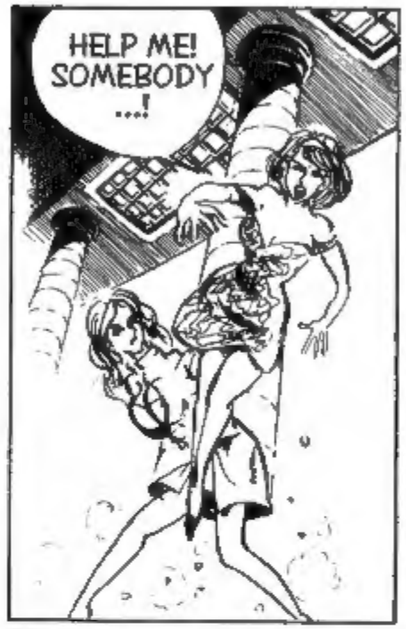
WHAT'S GOING ON?
MICHI.

HEY, FUJIKO.

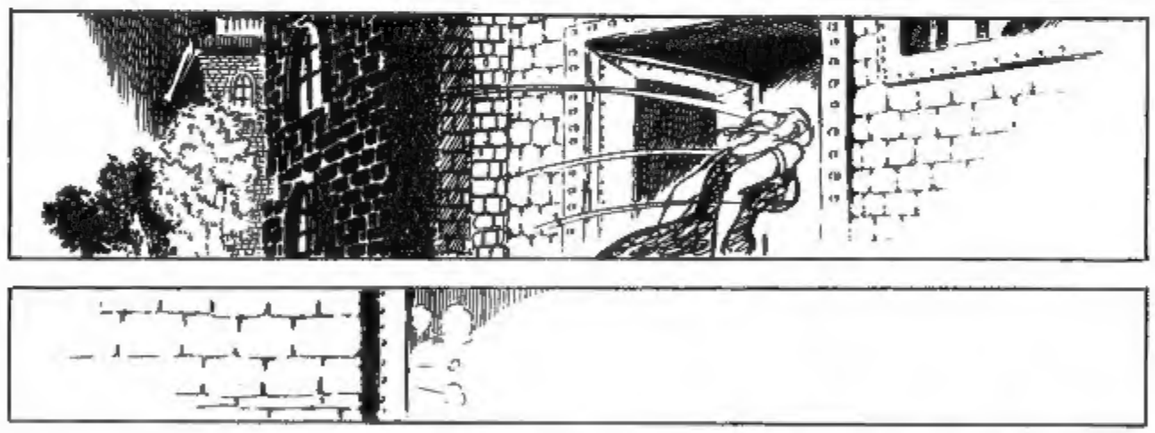
NO...! DON'T!


THAT HIT THE SPOT.

CAN I HAVE A SIP?


HELP ME! SOMEBODY ...!

GET AWAY FROM ME!
MICHI !

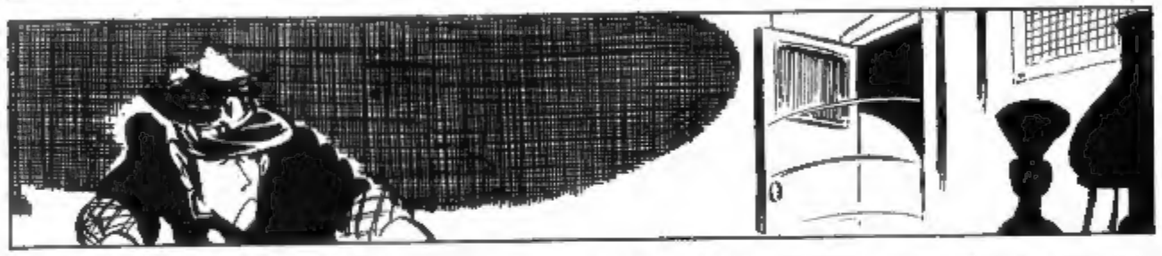


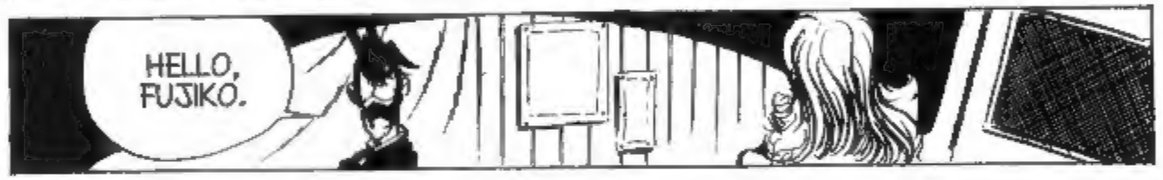
AAAAH!

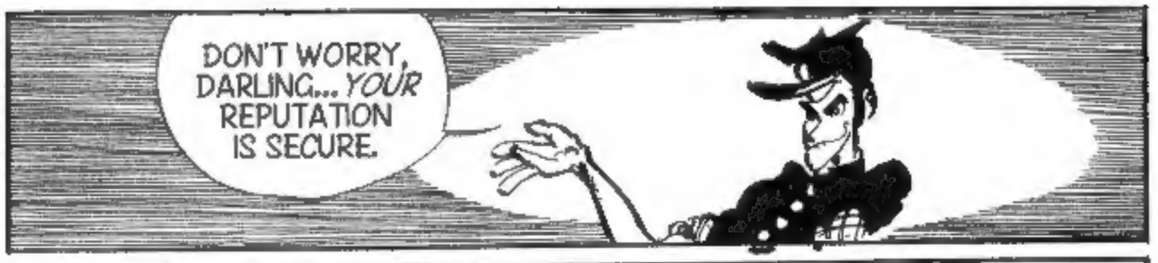
NO! NO! NOOOO!

POOR THING.

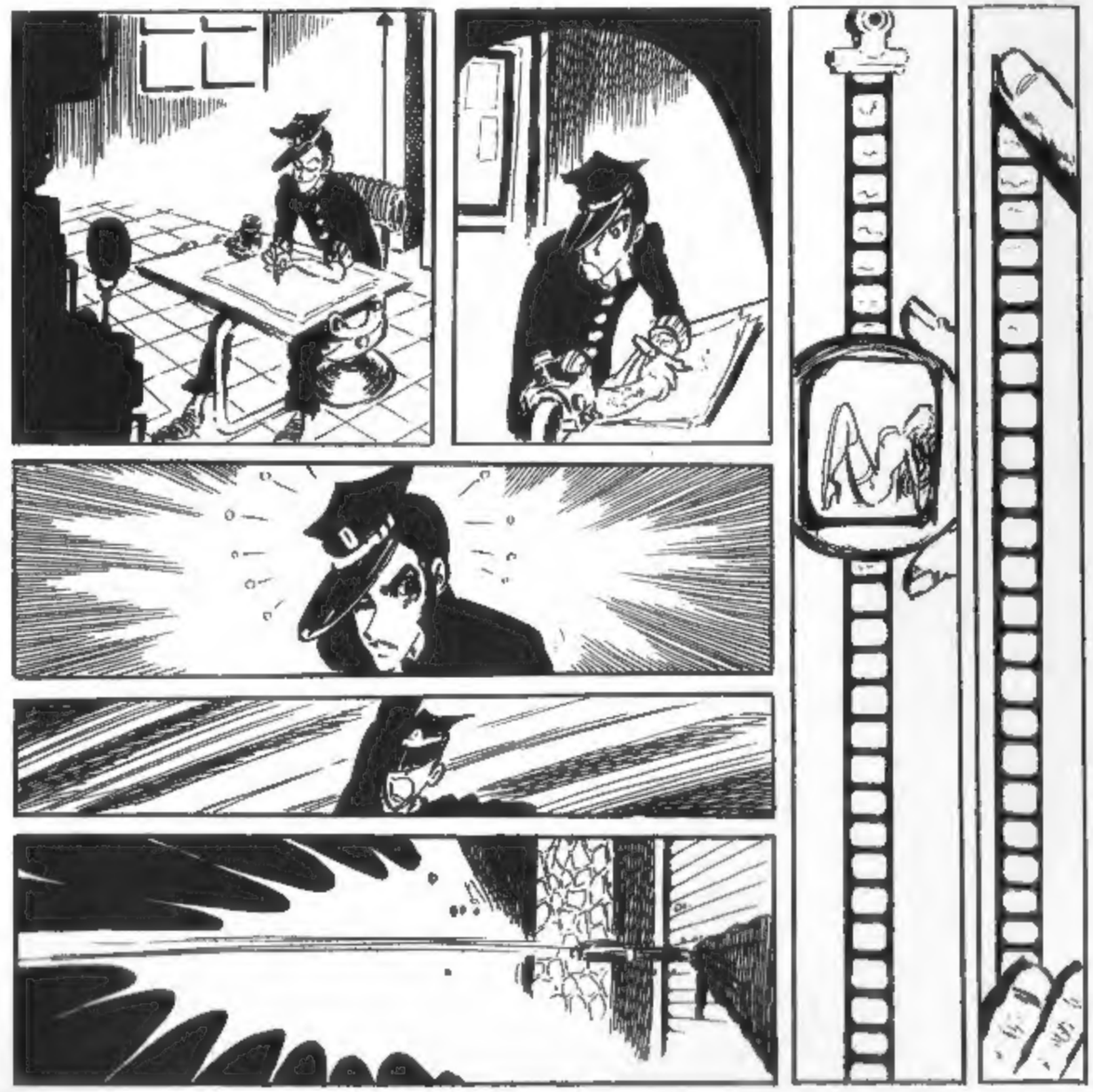
Medical Malpractice Lab







TEE HEE HEE!

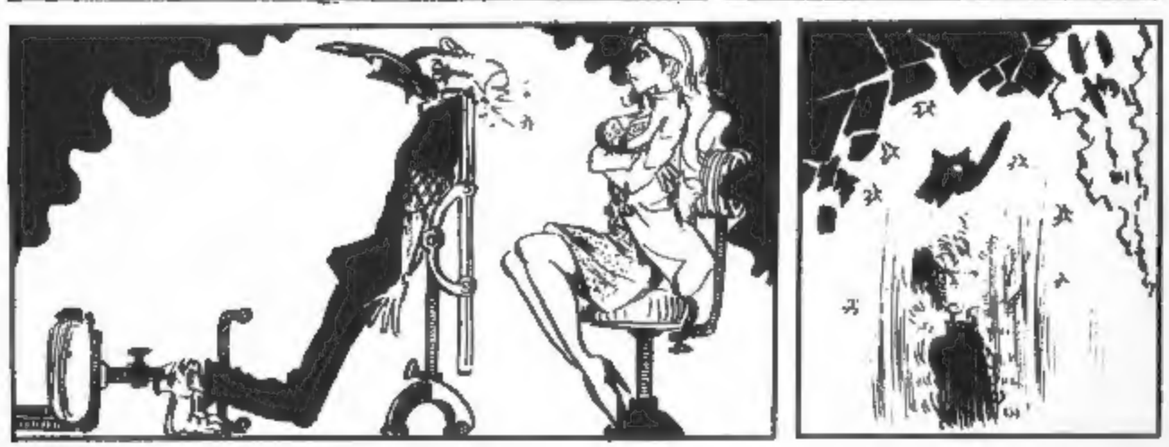


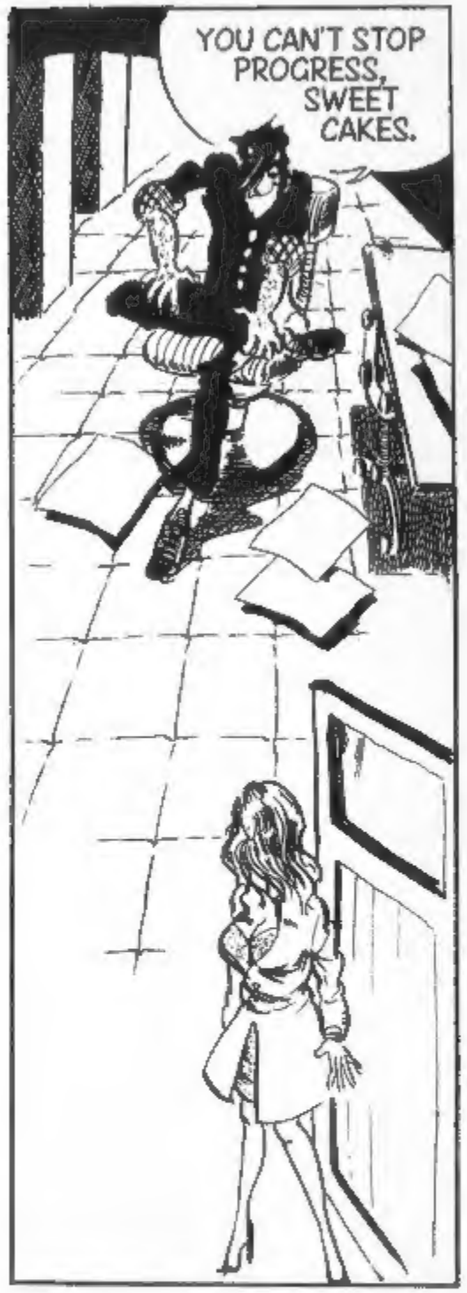
PULLING AN ALL-NIGHTER?

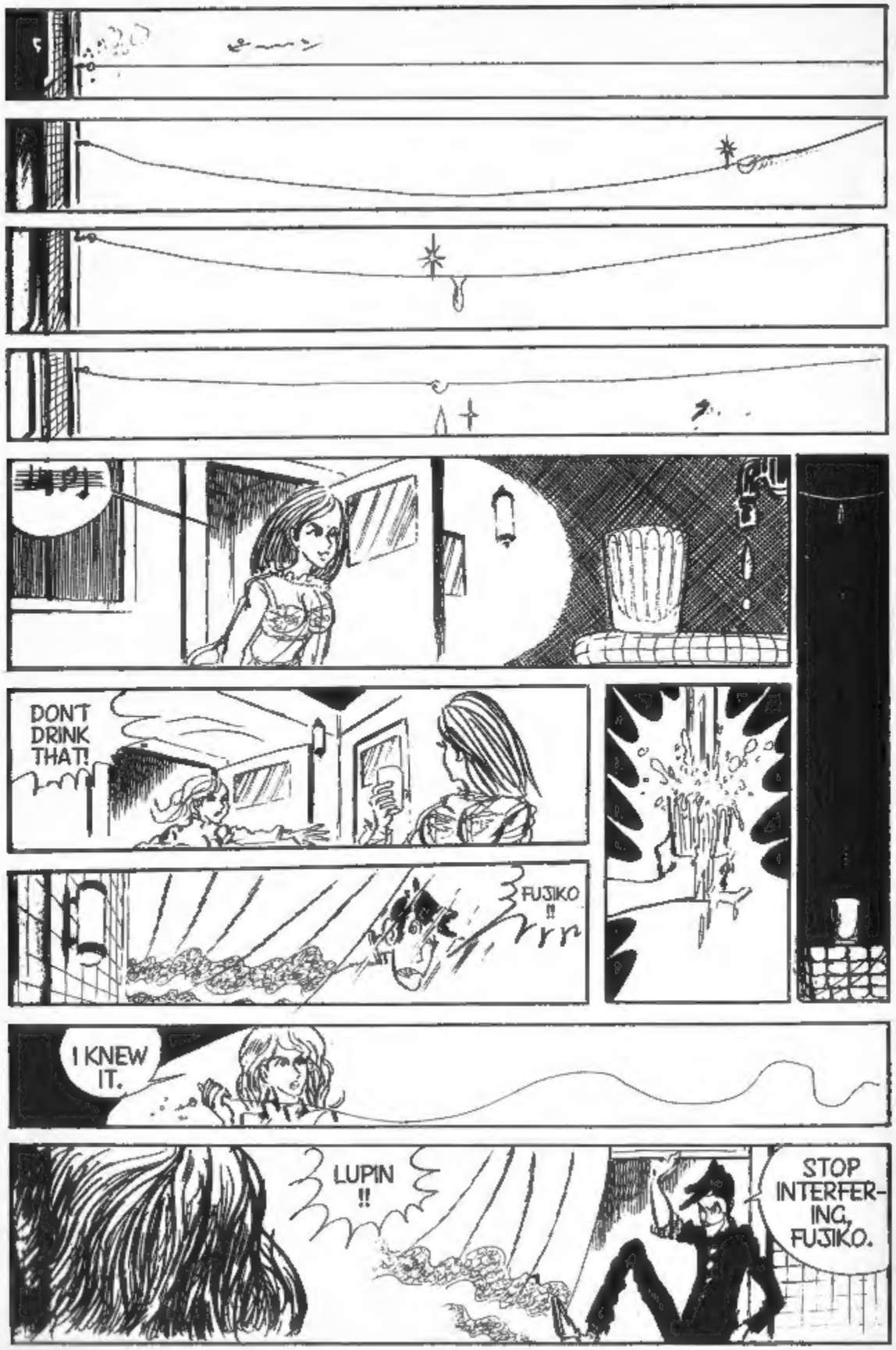
STOP BOTHERING ME!! I'M TRYING TO STUDY!!

AND IT'S 3 A.M.!!
THIS ISN'T SCIENCE!! IT'S EXPLOITATION!!

YOU WANT TO TUCK ME IN?
I CAN'T FALL ASLEEP ...!!




YOU CAN'T STOP PROGRESS, SWEET CAKES.


DON'T DRINK THAT!
FUJIKO !!
I KNEW IT.
LUPIN !!
STOP INTERFERING, FUJIKO.

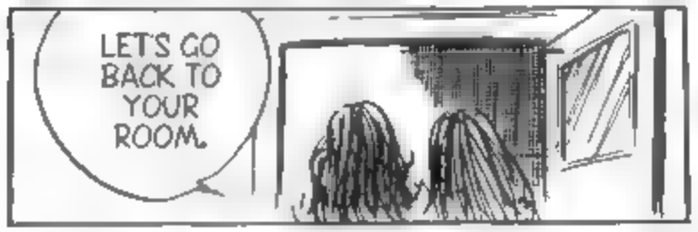
PLEASE LEAVE NOW.
THIS DORM IS GIRLS ONLY.

BUT I NEED TO COMPLETE MY EXPERIMENT.

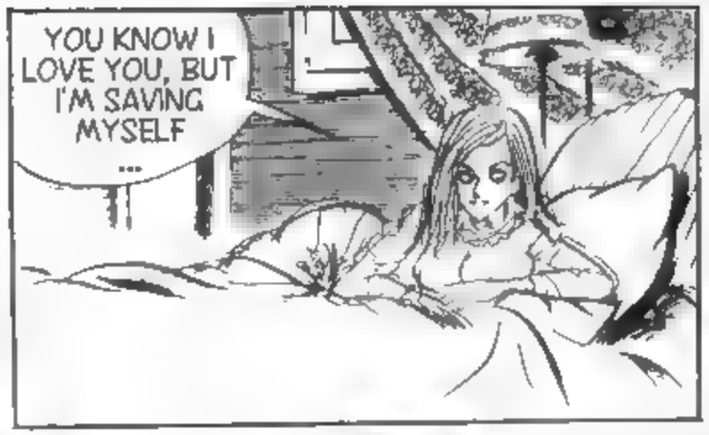
AHH...BUT SHE DID.
TOO BAD. SHE DIDN'T DRINK IT.

I TOLD YOU I'D STOP THIS NONSENSE.

IT'S ALREADY TAKING EFFECT.


LET'S GO BACK TO YOUR ROOM.

...FOR MAR-RIAGE.

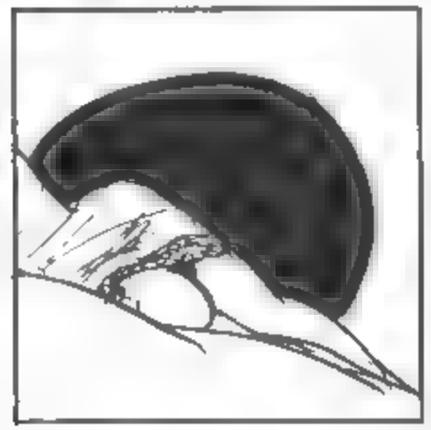

YOU KNOW I LOVE YOU, BUT I'M SAVING MYSELF ...

I'VE HEARD THAT BEFORE.

STOP !

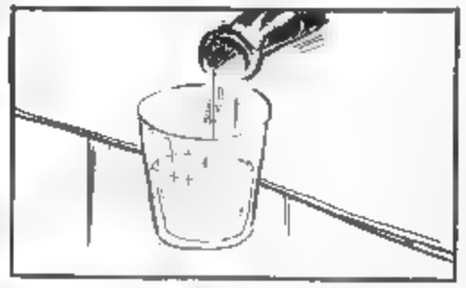
AAAHHHH!!!

PLEASE... NOT YET... I'M NOT READY.



OKAY. NOW I'M READY.

ISN'T SCIENCE GRAND, FUJIKO?

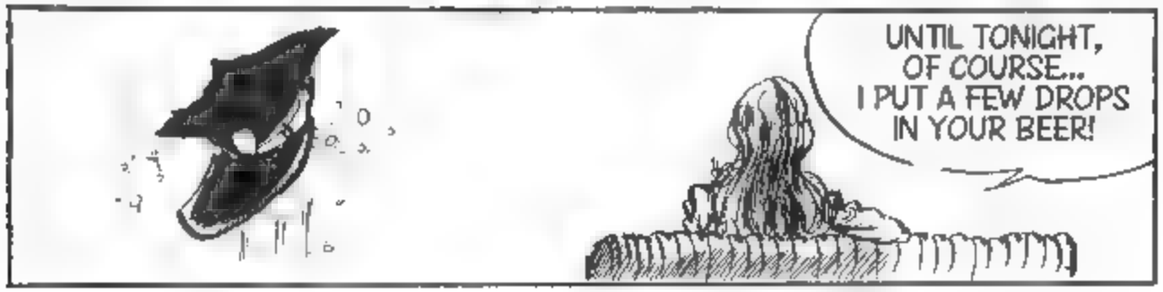


BUT WITH MY SERUM THE GIRL RE-LIVES THE FIRST TIME...

...AND I GET TO WATCH.

USED TO BE, YOU COULD ONLY POP A CHERRY ONCE.

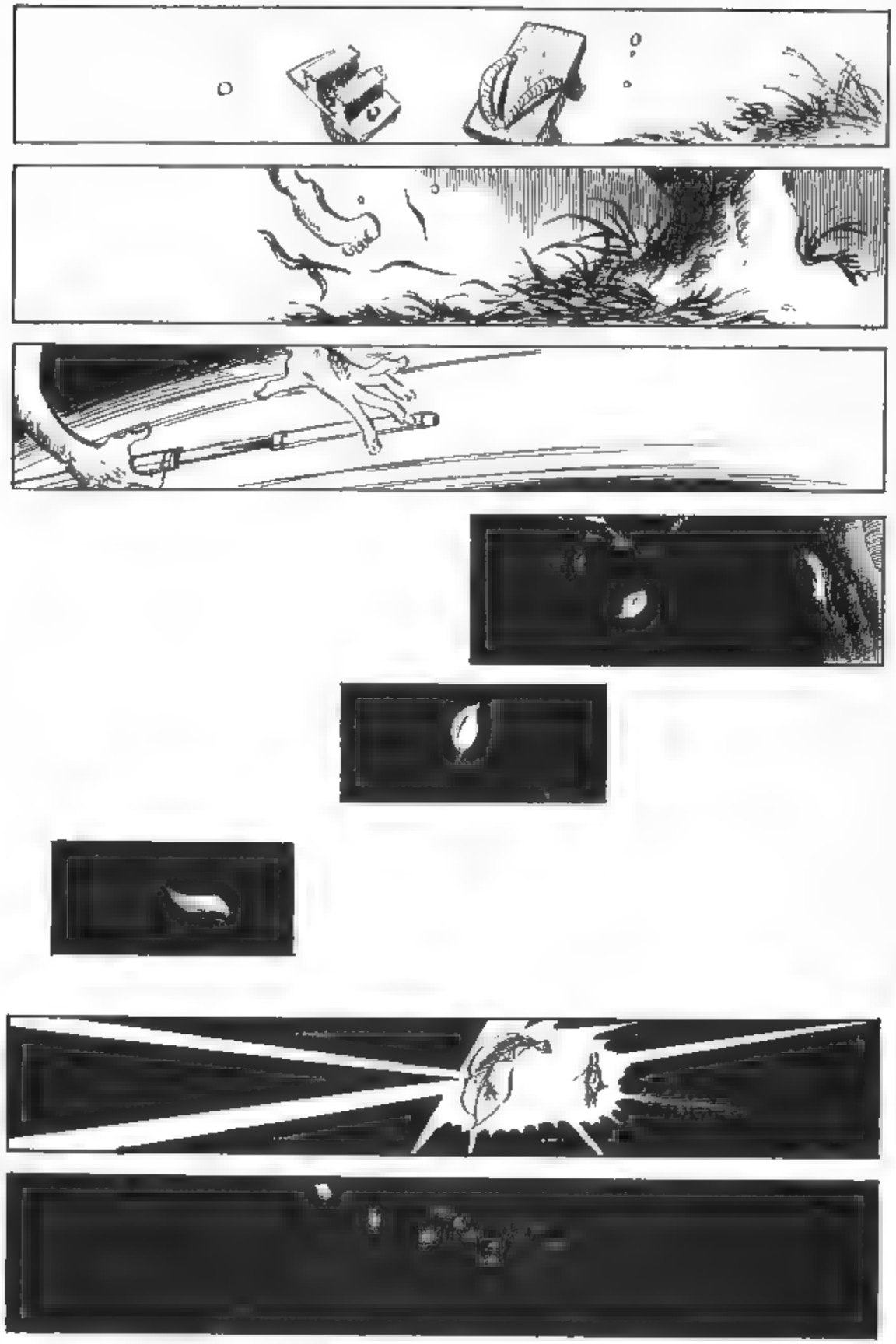
HOW SHOULD I KNOW? NO MAN HAS TRIED IT!!
I WONDER... DOES THE SERUM WORK ON MEN?


UNTIL TONIGHT, OF COURSE... I PUT A FEW DROPS IN YOUR BEER!

MEN. THEY'RE ALL THE SAME.

CHAPTER 67

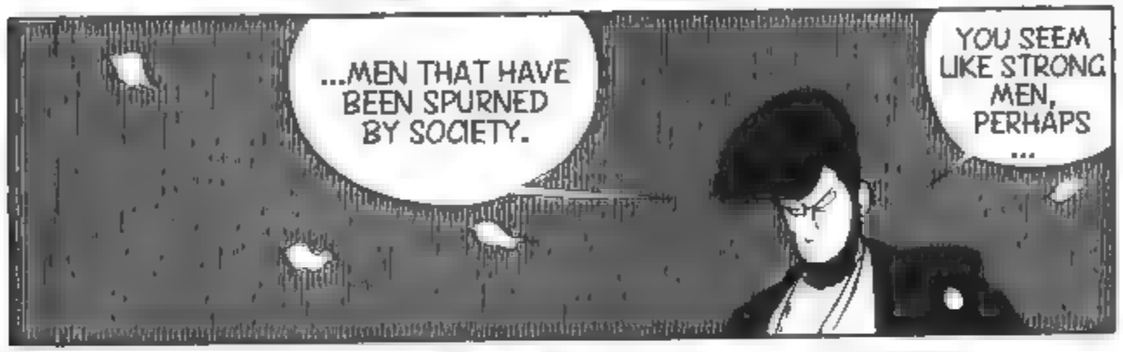
"TO LIVE AND DIE IN JAPAN."



...PEOPLE BREAKING INTO FIGHT.
ITS LIKE A SAMURAI MOVIE...

DID YOU LIKE THE BATTLE ?

BUT WHAT ARE YOU STILL DOING HERE?
I'M GLAD.

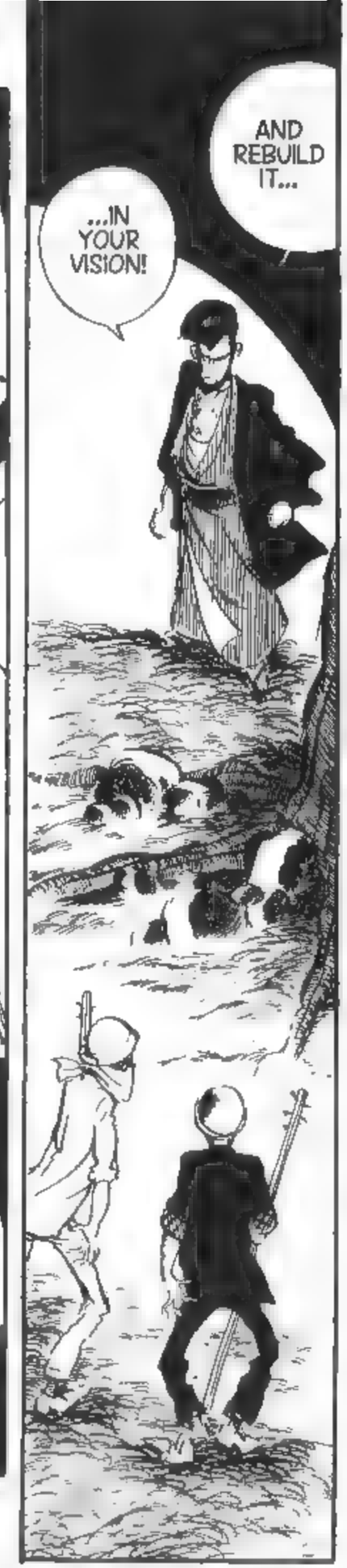

...MEN THAT HAVE BEEN SPURNED BY SOCIETY.
YOU SEEM LIKE STRONG MEN, PERHAPS ...

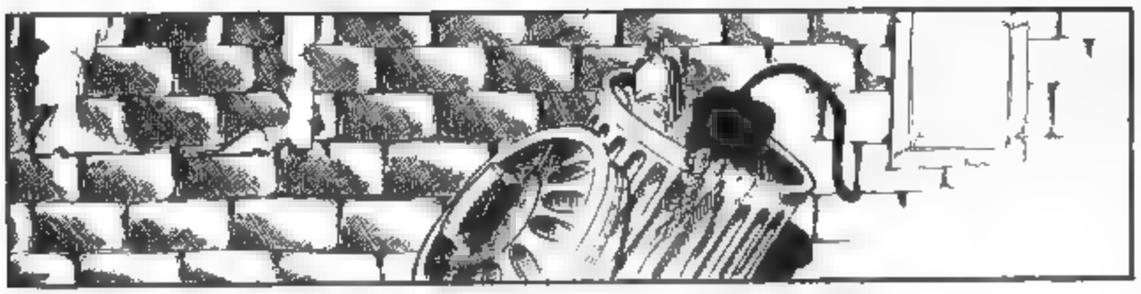
THEY HAVENT THE NERVE TO FACE EVIL.
...BUT THEY FEAR US.
WE MAY LIVE IN THEIR WORLD...

...AND REVENGE YOURSELF UPON THEM!
INFECT THEIR DOCILE LIVES...
SO GO FORTH INTO THEIR SAVAGE CIVILITY.

BURN HIS COUNTRY TO THE GROUND!

GO FORTH !
TO BATTLE !!


...IN YOUR VISION!
AND REBUILD IT...



HEY, GUZO. OVER HERE.

ARE YOU PACKING HEAT?

WELL?

A REAL GUNFIGHT! THAT'S NIFTY!
WHOA!!
I'M NOT DEAD...
IS HE DEAD?
...MY FUTURE DISCI-PLES.
...AS LONG AS I HAVE YOU...

YOUNG PEOPLE TODAY...

THE BOSOZOKU USED TO BLEED HEADLINES ON THE LOCAL RAGS.
WHAT'S WRONG, BOYS?

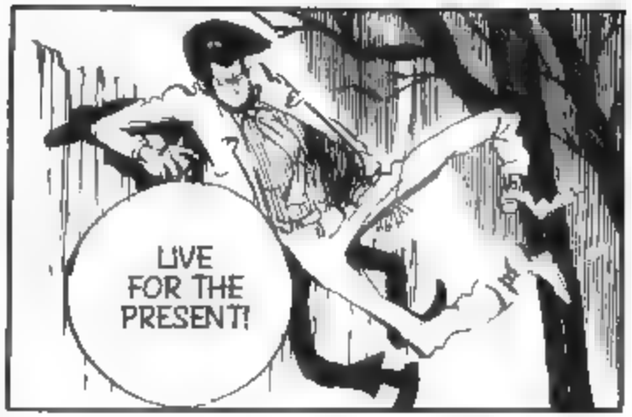
YOU'RE SO LAW-ABIDING. YOU THINK THE LAW IS GOING TO GIVE YOU ANYTHING BACK?

A BLESSED FEW RISE TO WEALTH, THE REST ROT IN POVERTY.

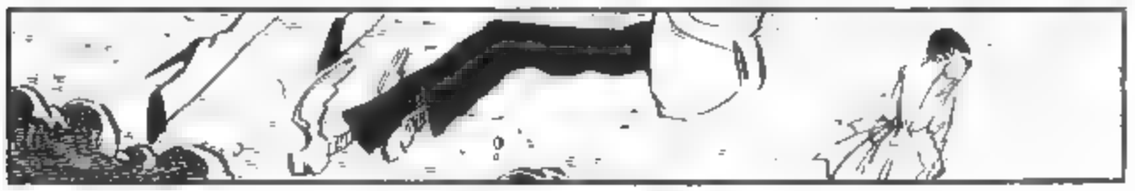
THAT MAKES ME WANT TO CRY.
DON'T THINK ABOUT THE FUTURE! THAT'S THE MAN'S PLAN.

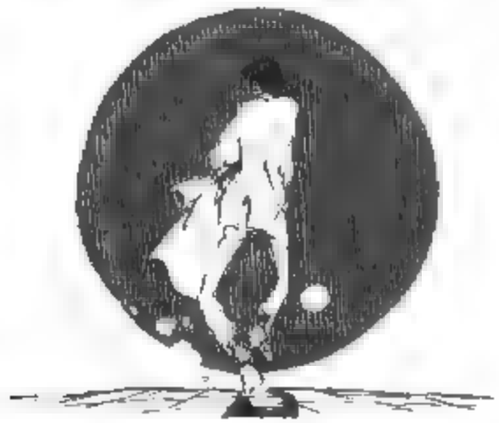
...AIN'T GONNA LIFT A FINGER FOR YOU!
...THE MAN...
BE-CAUSE ...

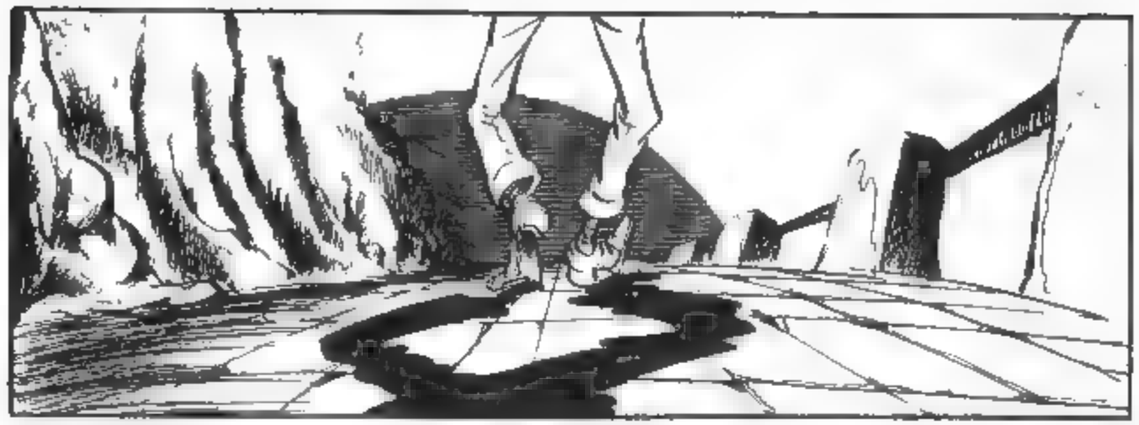
DO WHAT YOU WANT, WHEN YOU WANT, HOW YOU WANT!


LIVE FOR THE PRESENT!

YOU'RE ONLY YOUNG ONCE!

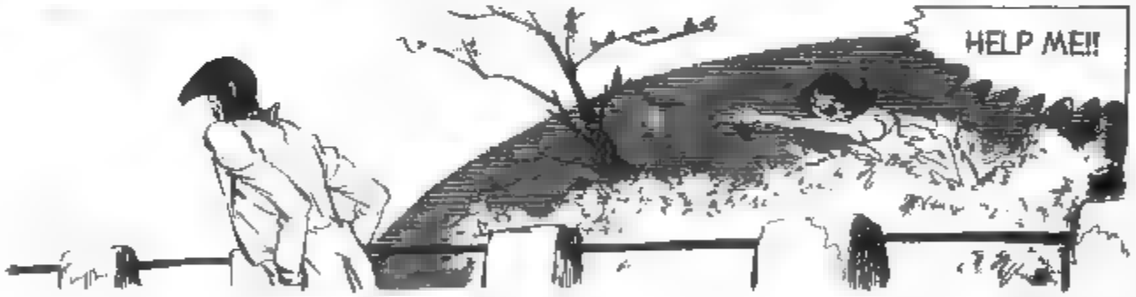


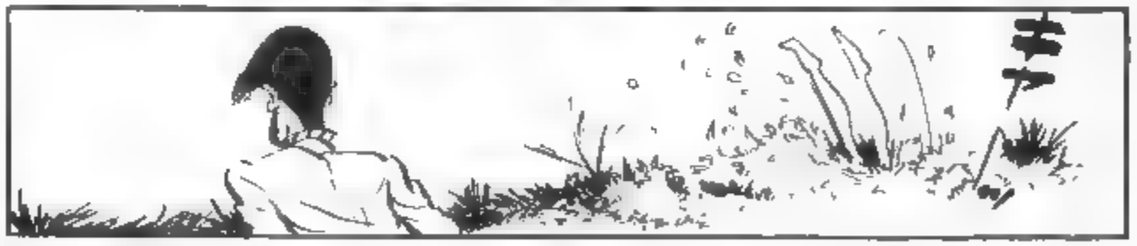


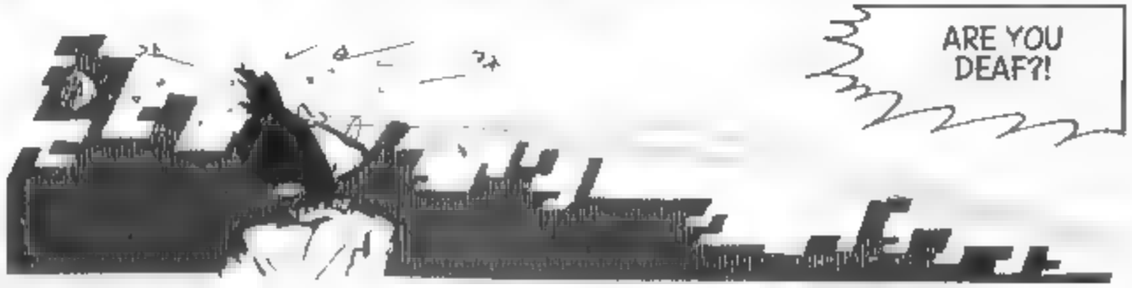


NOOOOO~

Somebody Help!!


HELP ME!!




ARE YOU DEAF?!

YOU'VE GOT TO HELP ME!

HOW COULD YOU?
KEN! YOU ASSHOLE!

THEN WHAT'S THE HITCH?

SHE WANTS TO WAIT...UNTIL WE'RE MARRIED.

NO, SIR. SHE'S MY GIRLFRIEND ...
ARE YOU RAPING HER?

FOR WHAT? THE STEEL BINDS OF WEDLOCK?!
YOU WANT THIS POOR SAP TO WAIT?
YOU!

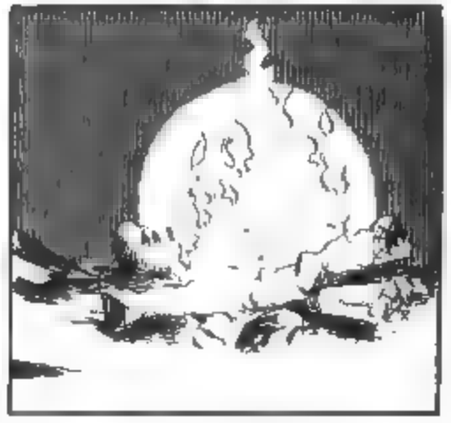
YOU'RE KIDDING.

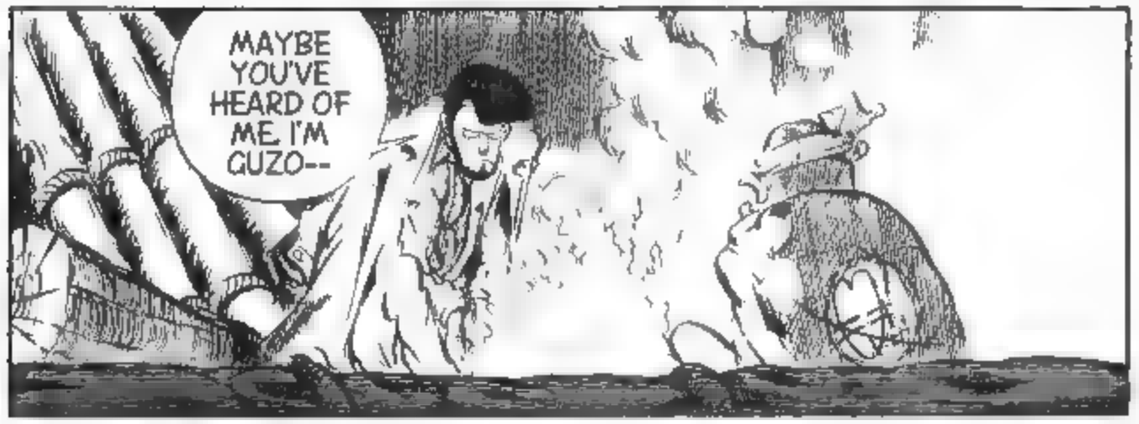
YOU'RE NO CHRISTMAS PRESENT, MISSY!

...SO KNOCK YOURSELF OUT.

JOI DE VIV ...
I HEREBY DECLARE A NEW AGE OF SEXUAL FREEDOM.

YOU'RE A STRANGE ONE, SIR.




MAYBE YOU'VE HEARD OF ME. I'M GUZO--

YOUNG PEOPLE TODAY ARE MIXED UP...THEY KEEP WALKING THE STRAIGHT AND NARROW.

SOMEONE LIKE ME!
THEY NEED A MESSIAH.

YOU WANT MY SECRET?
I'M YOUNG AT HEART. AND I'M ON A MISSION.
THE SAME GUZO ...
...WHO WAS STABBED AND SHOT...
...AND YET WILL NOT DIE ?

AND WHEN SOCIETY LIES IN RUBBLE ...
AND I'LL GET IT, TOO, BECAUSE YOUNG PEOPLE ARE SO DAMN DUMB!
I WANT CHAOS.
I WANT KIDS TO FIGHT! GET DRUNK. SPIT ON THEIR PARENTS!

THEY'LL CALL ME – THE MAN!
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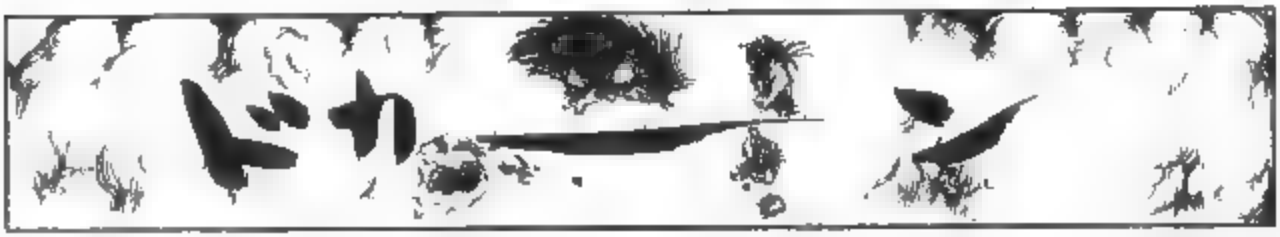
THEY'LL CALL ME BY A NEW NAME!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...I'M TAKING A HOLIDAY.
IF THAT DOESN'T KILL YOU...

LUPIN !!
I PLANTED EXPLOSIVES UNDER YOUR SEAT.

GOD SAVE THE NEXT GENERATION OF CHILDREN.

CHAPTER 68

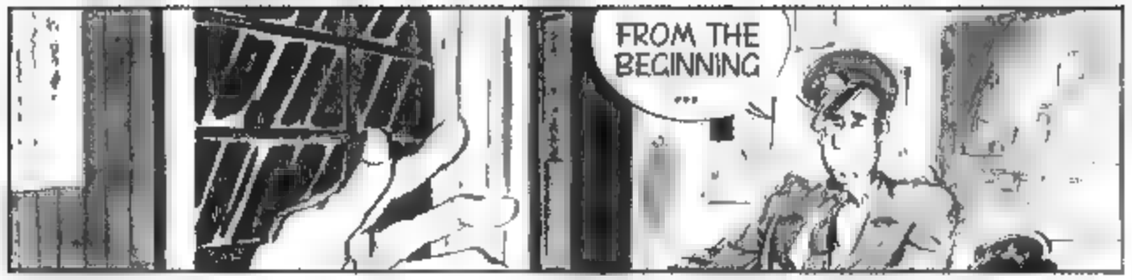
"FIRST PERSON, LAST LAUGHS"

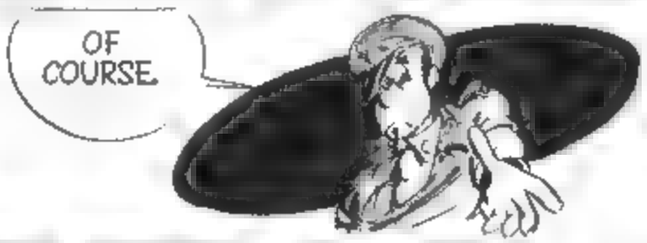
IT'S YOU, THE READER! TIME TO STEP INTO THE DRIVER'S SEAT, BABY.

THE HERO OF THIS COMIC IS NOT LUPIN THE THIRD!! OR FUJIKO MINE...! OR JIGEN OR INSPECTOR ZENIGATA!!

A POLICE STATION. THE COPS WILL PROTECT YOU!

YOUR HEART POUNDS IN YOUR CHEST...! WHY IS HE FOLLOWING YOU?! OH, THANK GOD!





OH NO. HE'S HERE!!
HE'D KILL ME IF HE KNEW I WAS HERE!
IT'S MY ASS ON THE LINE!
WHO'S HERE, BOY?
YOU KNOW? LUPIN III?!
THE GUY I CAME TO YOU ABOUT. THE GUY WITH A MILLION ON HIS HEAD.
THEN WHO AM I?
THATS LUPIN?

TUT, TUT... YOU'RE A LOYAL READER.
YOU SHOULD KNOW BETTER.
...TO BEAT LUPIN.
...TO THE CAPTURE OF LUPIN THE THIRD
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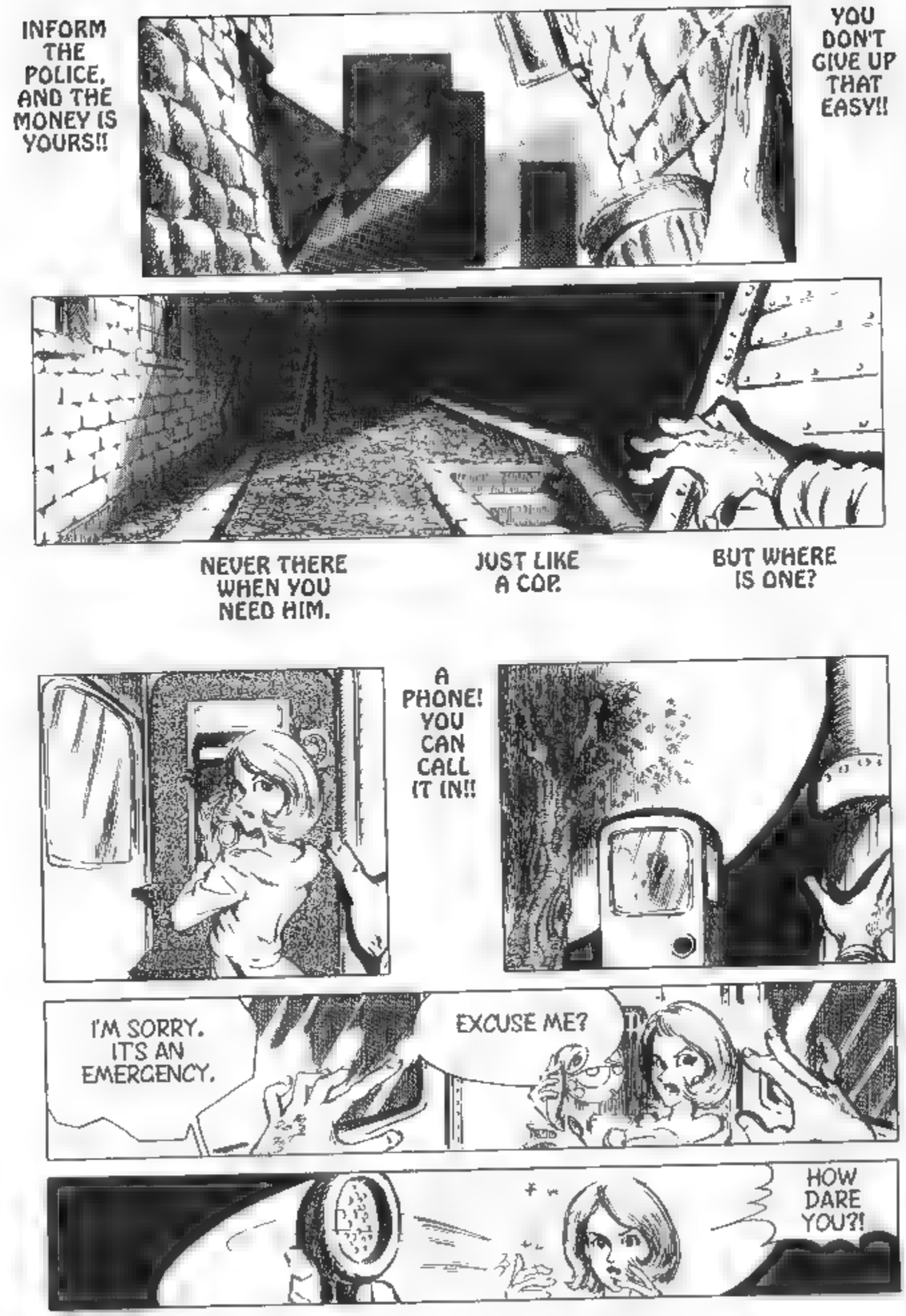
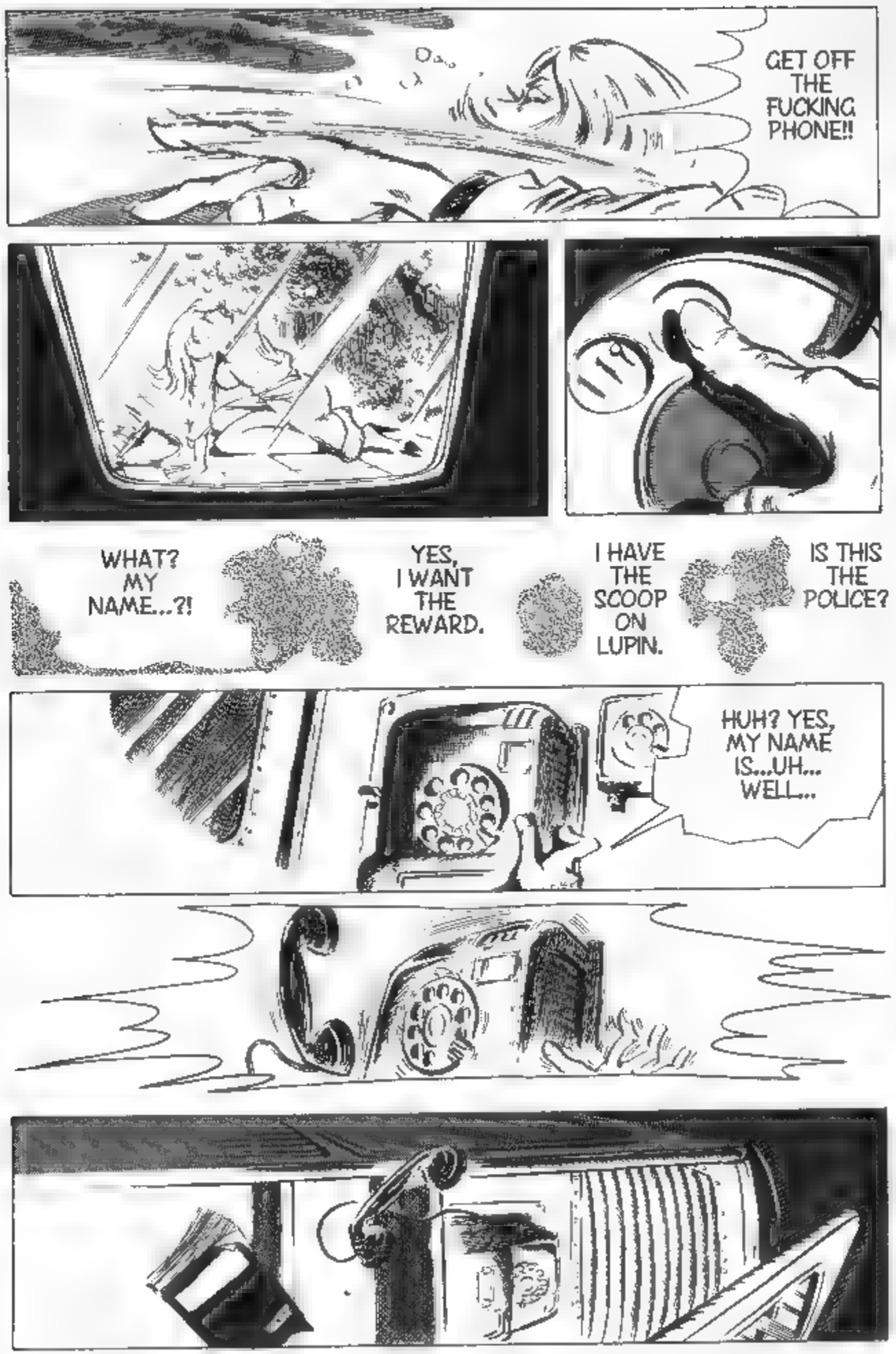
1000,000円
THERE'S NO WAY...
REWARD: 1 MILLION YEN FOR INFORMATION LEADING...

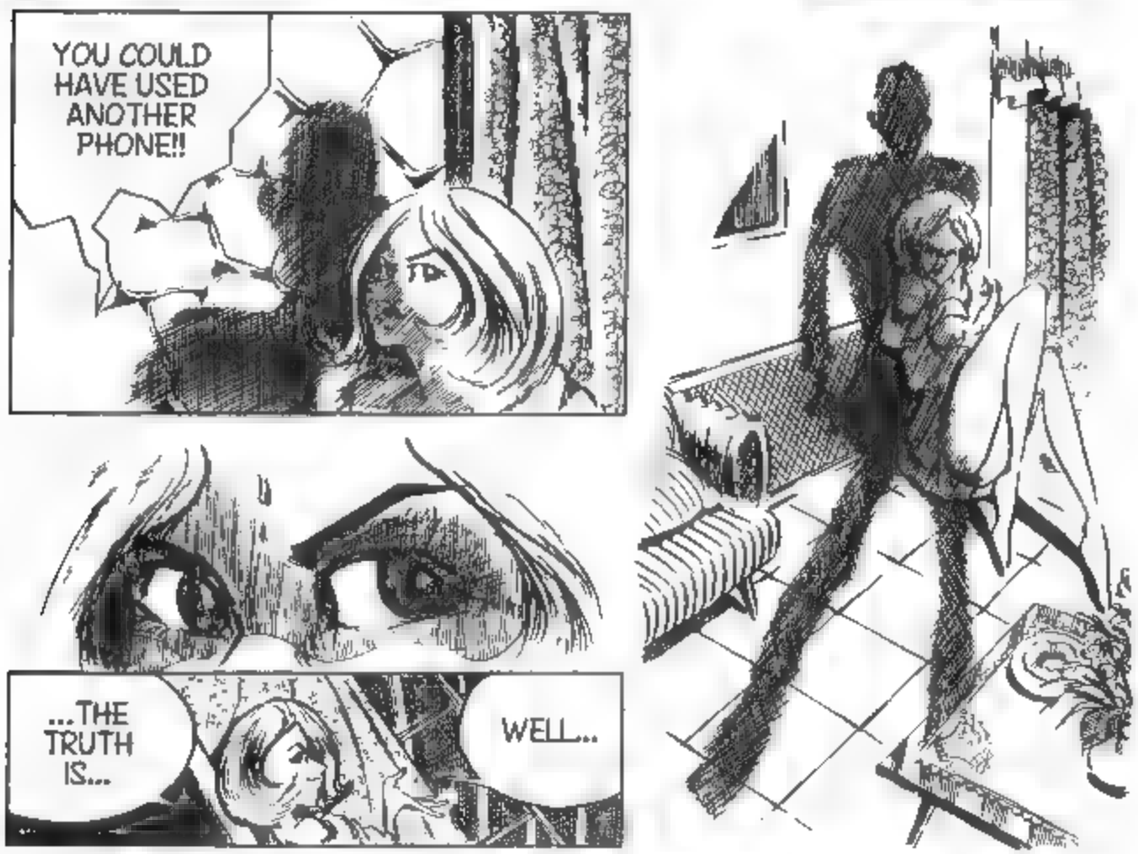

INFORM THE POLICE, AND THE MONEY IS YOURS!!
YOU DON'T GIVE UP THAT EASY!!
NEVER THERE WHEN YOU NEED HIM.
JUST LIKE A COP.
BUT WHERE IS ONE?
A PHONE! YOU CAN CALL IT IN!!
I'M SORRY. IT'S AN EMERGENCY.
EXCUSE ME?
HOW DARE YOU?!


GET OFF THE FUCKING PHONE!!
WHAT? MY NAME...?!
YES, I WANT THE REWARD.
I HAVE THE SCOOP ON LUPIN.
IS THIS THE POLICE?
HUH? YES, MY NAME IS...UH... WELL...

RISE AND SHINE, DARLING.
UGGHH ...
YOU'RE NOT ANGRY WITH ME...
YOU LOOK TERRIBLE.
...CONK YOU WITH THE BOTTLE.
I HAD TO...
...ARE YOU?

BONK!

YOU BITCH!

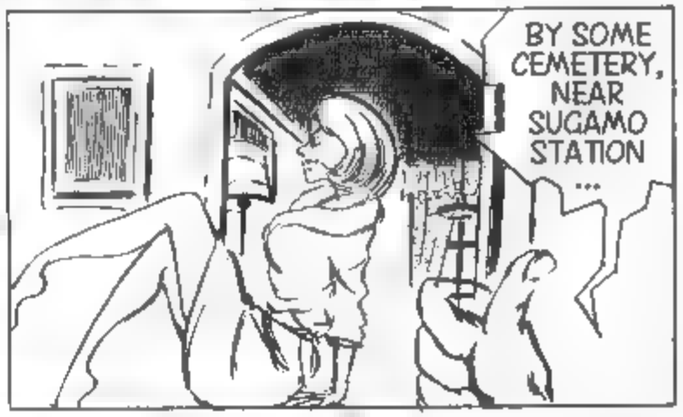

YOU COULD HAVE USED ANOTHER PHONE!!
...THE TRUTH IS...
WELL...
...I DIDN'T WANT YOU COLLECTING MY REWARD!
...WHO KNEW LUPIN'S SECRET.
I THOUGHT I WAS THE ONLY ONE...

...WHEN YOU JUMPED INTO THAT PHONE BOOTH.
I WAS ABOUT TO CALL THE COPS...

DO YOU REALLY KNOW THE LOCATION OF HIS HIDEOUT?
I DON'T BELIEVE THIS.

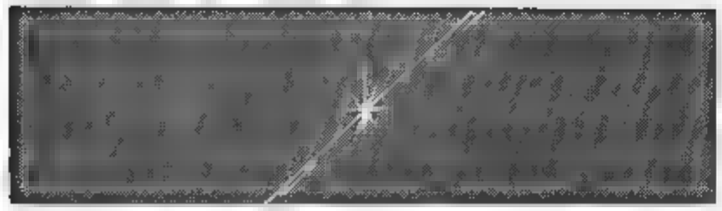
REALLY? WHERE IS IT?
SURE I DO.

WAIT A MINUTE! SOMETHING'S NOT RIGHT HERE...

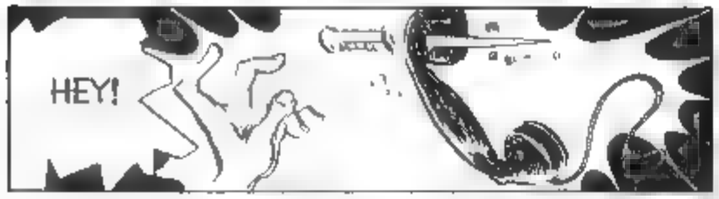

BY SOME CEMETERY, NEAR SUGAMO STATION ...

THERE'S A PHONE RIGHT THERE!
IF YOU KNEW THE LOCATION OF THE HIDEOUT, WHY DIDN'T YOU CALL THE COPS WHILE I WAS KNOCKED OUT?

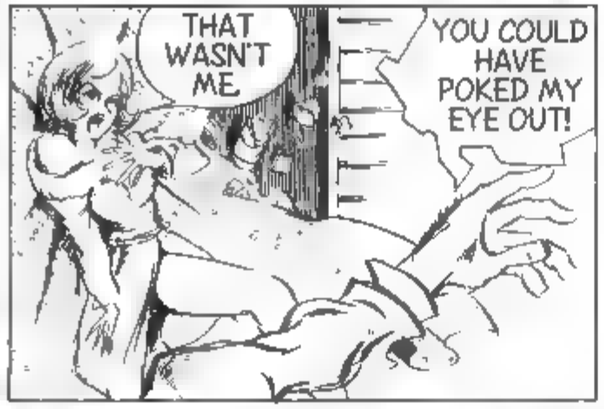
...AND NEITHER ARE YOU.
I'M NOT MAKING THE CALL...

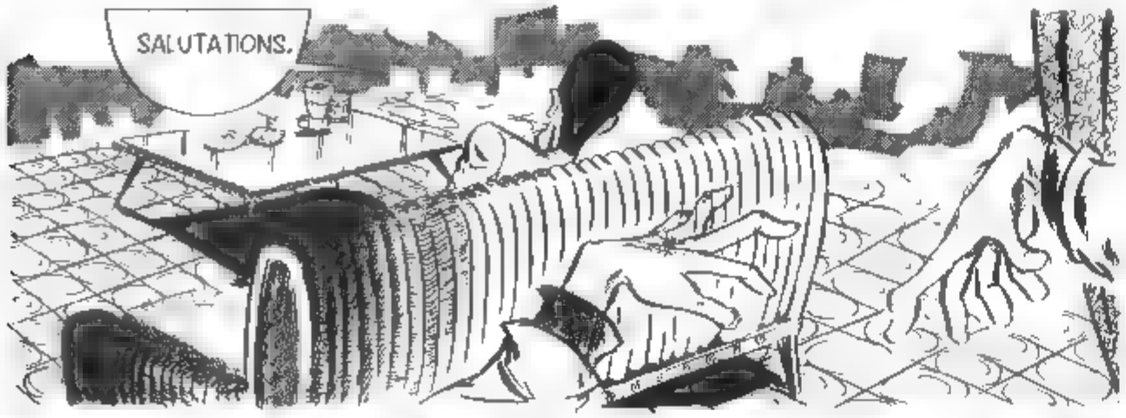


WATCH ME...

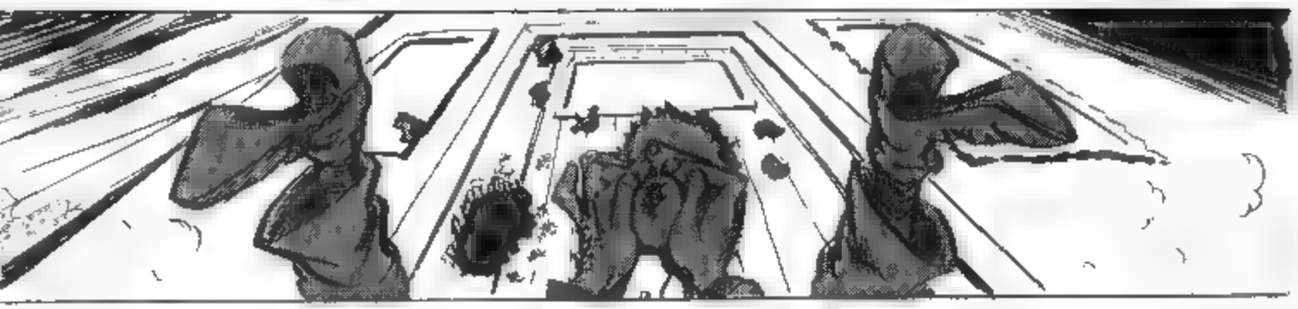

HEY!

IT WAS LUPIN!

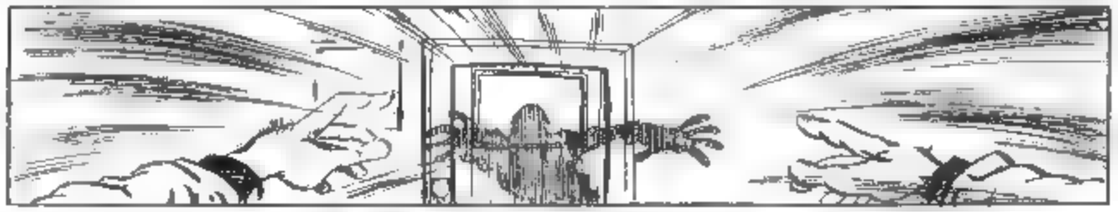

THAT WASN'T ME.
YOU COULD HAVE POKED MY EYE OUT!

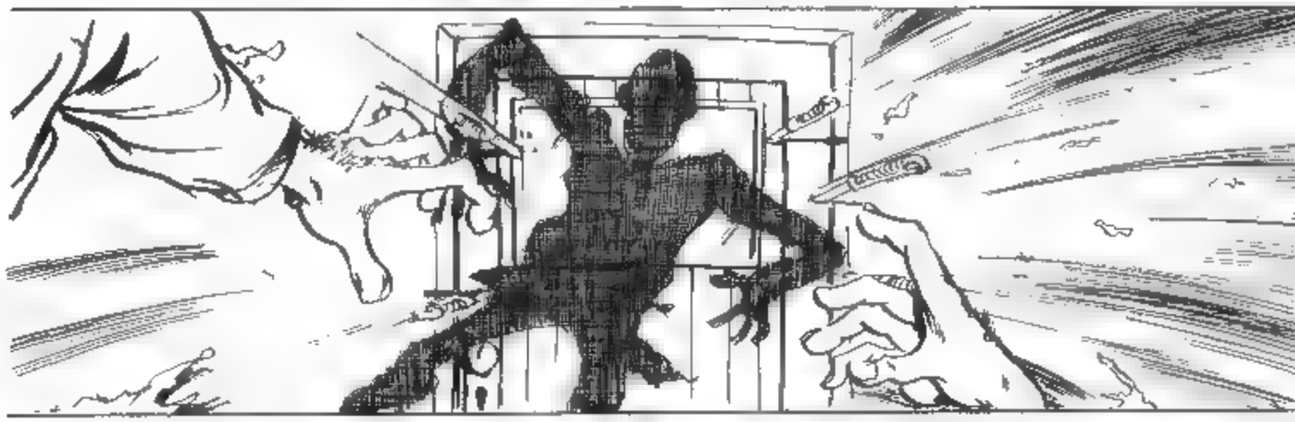

SALUTATIONS.

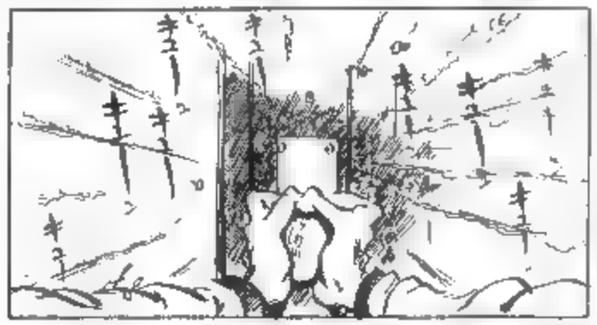
TAKE THAT!

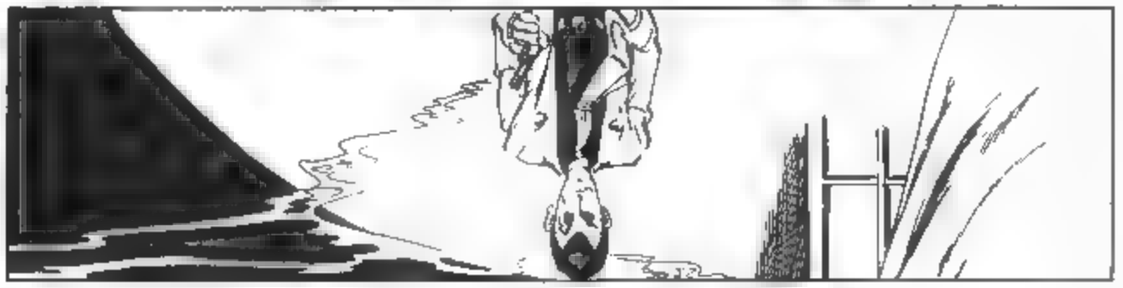


THERE'S NO WAY TO ESCAPE.
HA HA HA.









YOU MAY WANT THAT MILLION, BUT I WANT TO SAVE MY HIDE

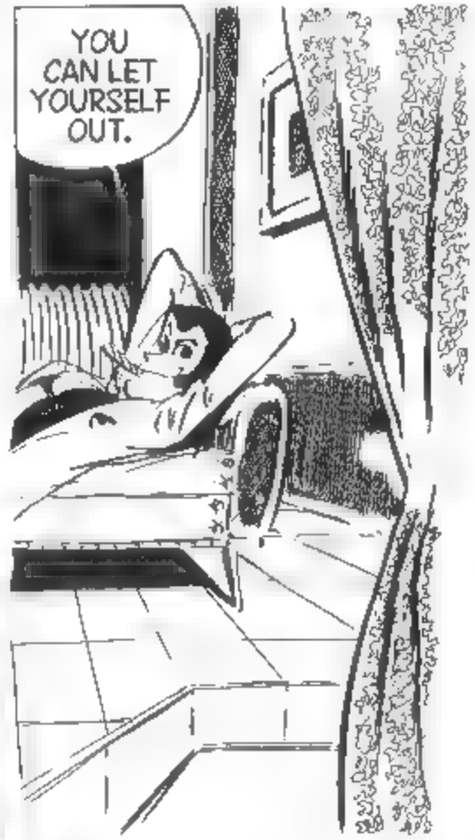
DOWN. YOU CAN THINK YOUR WAY OUT OF THIS.

IT'S TIME YOU HAD A LESSON IN CRIMINAL ECONOMICS.
SIT DOWN.

THAT'S IT... THE KNIFE... BRILLIANT !

WHAT?!

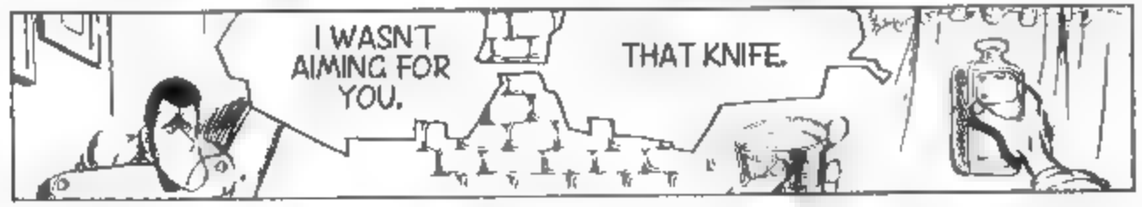
SO, SHE WORKS FOR LUPIN... AND SHE'S FULLY CLOTHED. YOU'RE DISAPPOINTED ON MANY LEVELS.



I ALWAYS HAVE AN EXTRA TRICK UP MY SLEEVE!
I'M LUPIN III.

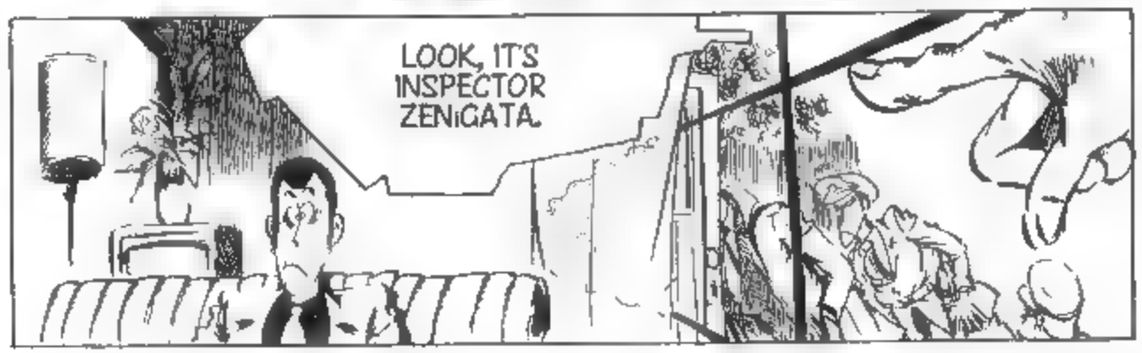
DO YOU EVEN *READ* THIS MANGA?
ARE YOU MENTAL?

SO DO I.


I WASN'T AIMING FOR YOU.
THAT KNIFE.

AND I HAD A NOTE TAPED TO THE KNIFE.
I WAS AIMING FOR THE CARDBOARD CUTOUT OUTSIDE THE WINDOW

IT SAID, "LUPIN IS IN THIS HOUSE. PLEASE NOTIFY THE POLICE." OH, YOU LOOK UPSET.


LOOK, IT'S INSPECTOR ZENIGATA.

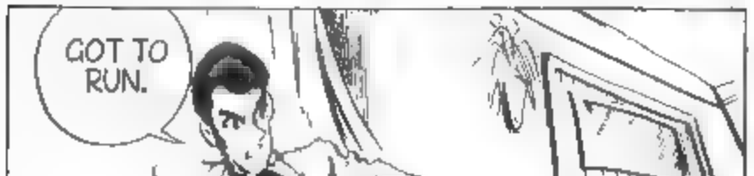
AT THE PHONE BOOTH?
BUT I WONDER...WHEN EXACTLY DID SHE KNOCK YOU OUT?

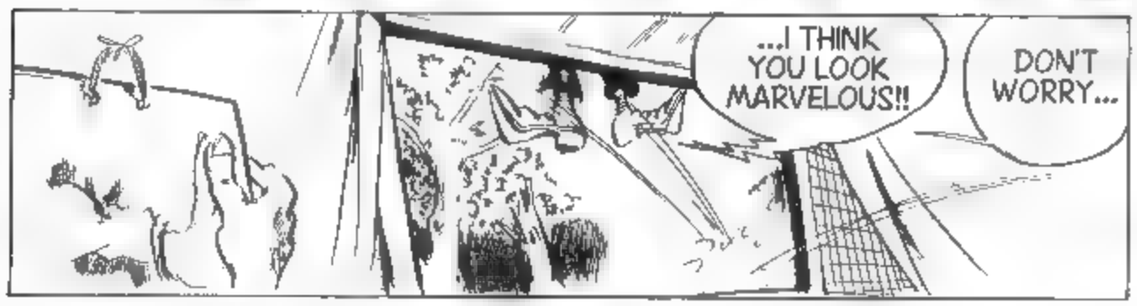
I GUESS YOU WON.

IT'S BEEN THREE WEEKS.
I DON'T KNOW. A COUPLE OF HOURS AGO.

...*ELECTIVE* SURGICAL PROCEDURES.
...YOU HAD A FEW...

THIS IS IMPOS-SIBLE!
AND IN THOSE THREE WEEKS ...


GOT TO RUN.


...I THINK YOU LOOK MARVELOUS!!
DON'T WORRY...

LUPIN!!

CHAPTER 69
"STRAIGHT FLUSH"

THE GANGS FIT TOGETHER LIKE PIECES OF A PUZZLE.

ACTING SEPARATELY. EXISTING AS ONE.

NOW THE RATS ARE HERE.

THAT'S THE KEY TO LUPIN'S SECRET ORGANIZATION.

DIFFERENT PIECES... ...SAME PRIZE.

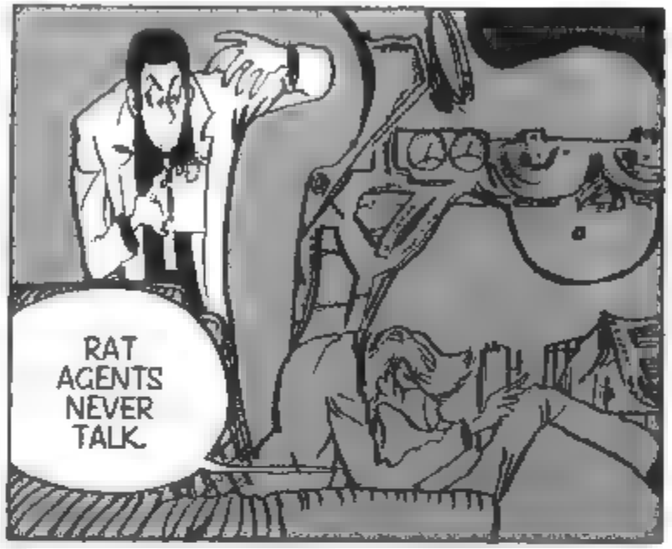
THE RATS LOOK TO BUILD A PUZZLE OF THEIR OWN.

CALL OR FOLD, LUPIN.

CALL OR FOLD.

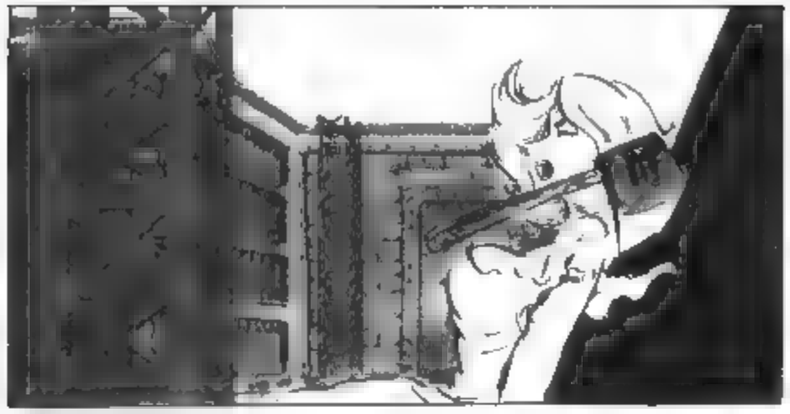
COME WITH ME.

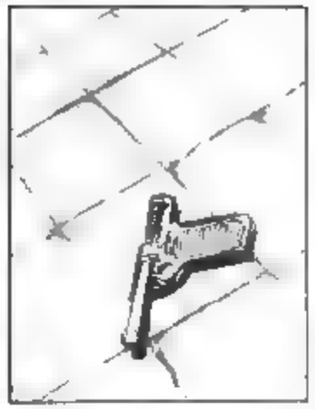
RAT GOT YOUR TONGUE?


RAT AGENTS NEVER TALK.

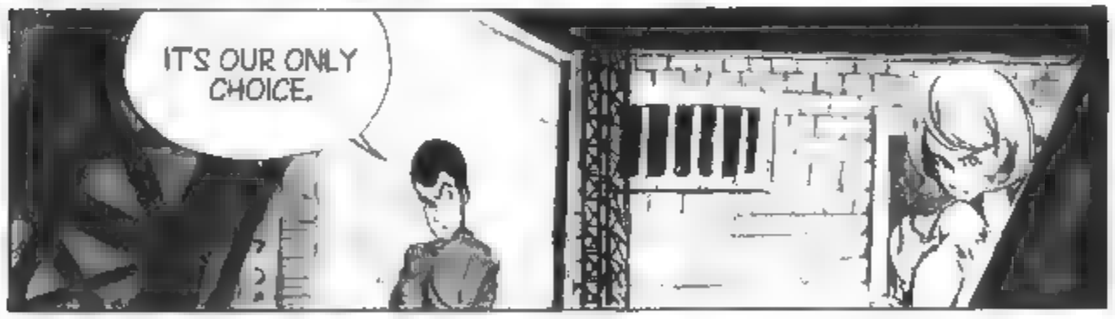
WHY WON'T YOU TALK?

ALL THOSE TRAPS, AND WE ONLY CAUGHT ONE GIRL.

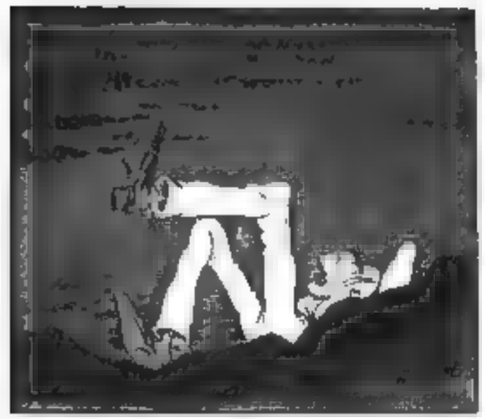


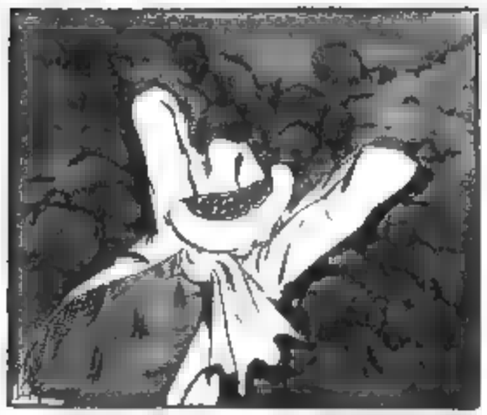


I LIKE THAT IN A WOMAN.
GOOD SHOW, DARLING. STILL TRYING TO STICK IT TO ME.
THE EXPERIMENTAL PROCEDURE, PERHAPS?

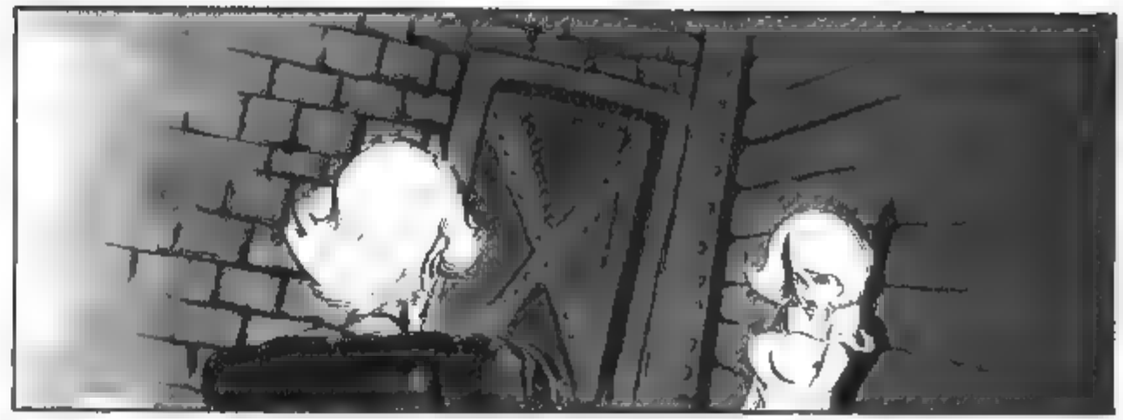

IT'S OUR ONLY CHOICE.

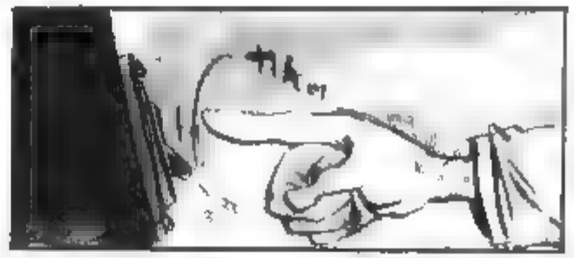
GO AHEAD PROFESSOR.

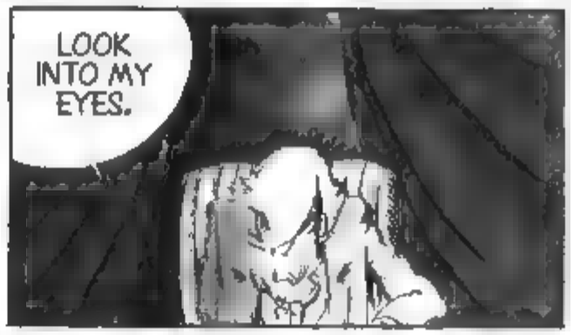


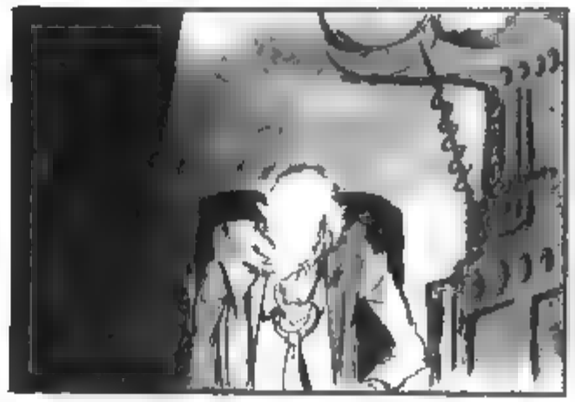


GETTING A LITTLE WINDY OUT HERE.

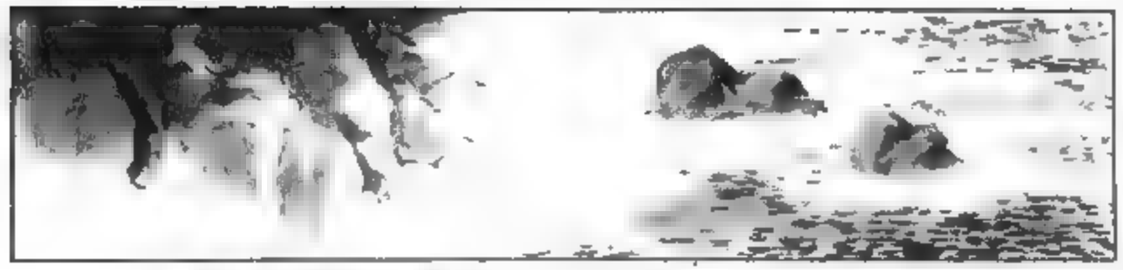


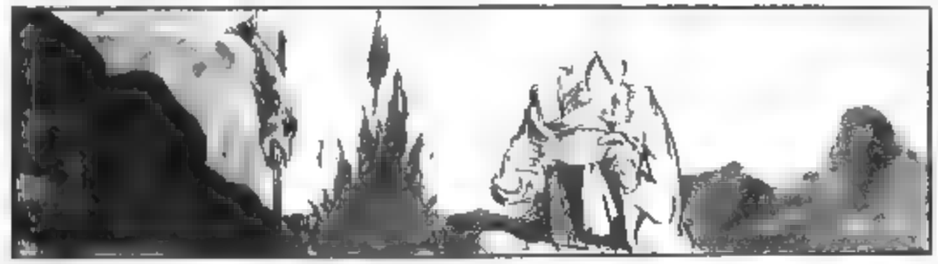



LOOK INTO MY EYES.



DONE.
KILL THE LIGHTS.





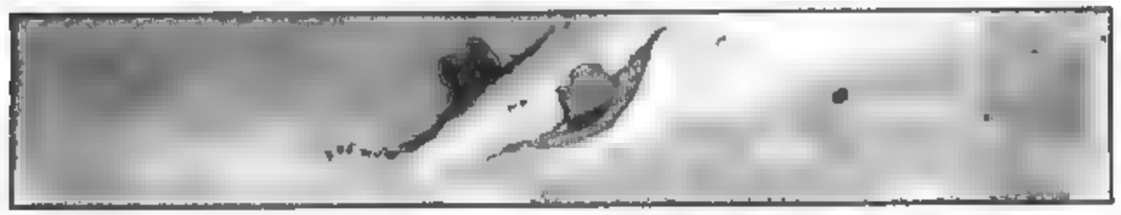
EVENING, MISTER... I HEARD ...

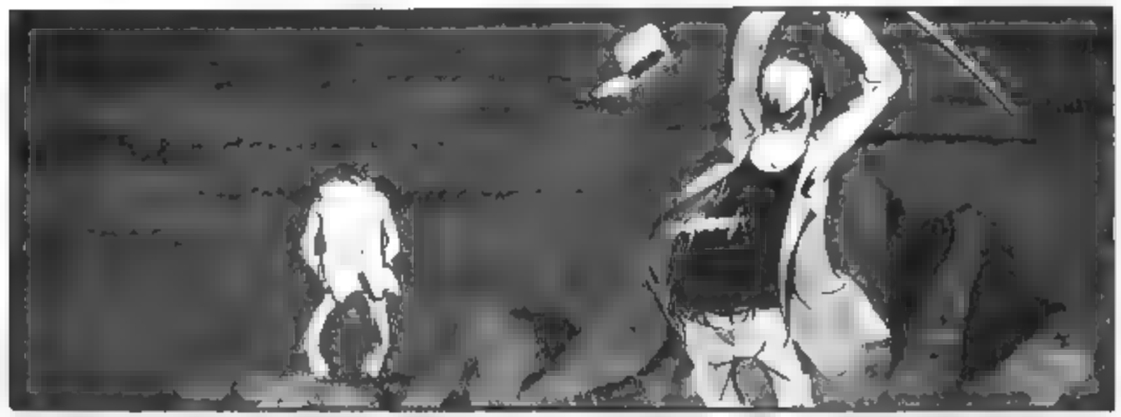
YOU MIND MOVIN'?
THIS IS MY USUAL FISHIN' SPOT.

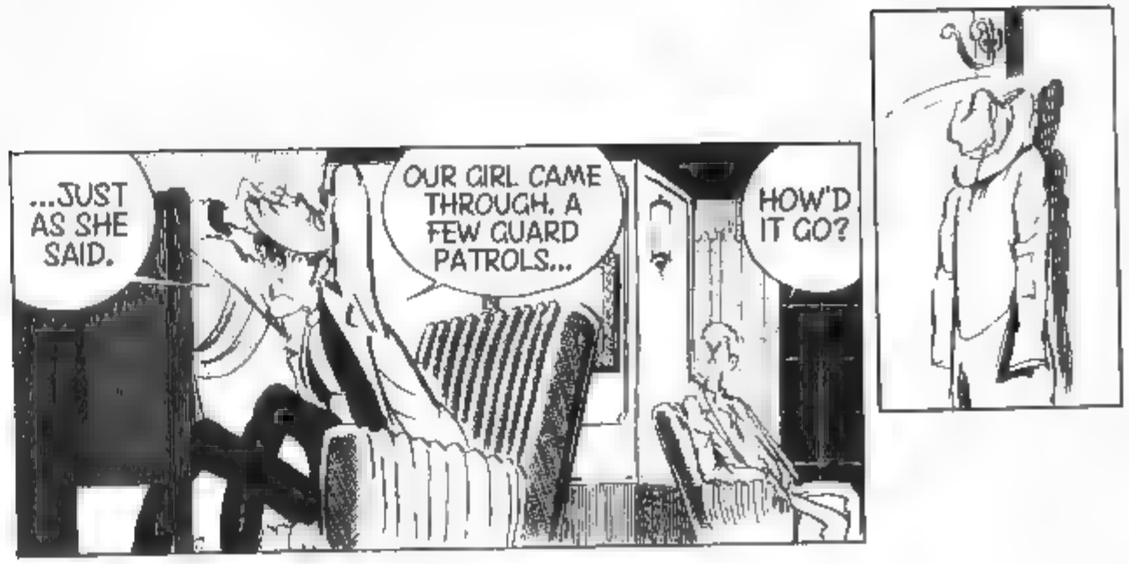
...YOUR FART FROM THE SHORE!

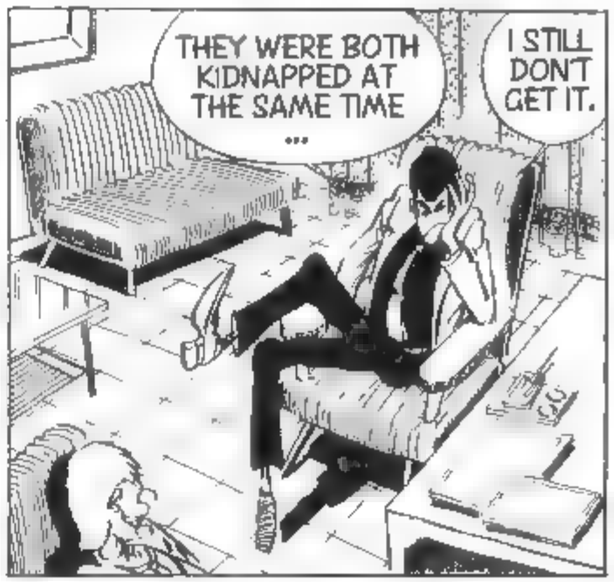
WHERE AM I SUPPOSED TO GO?

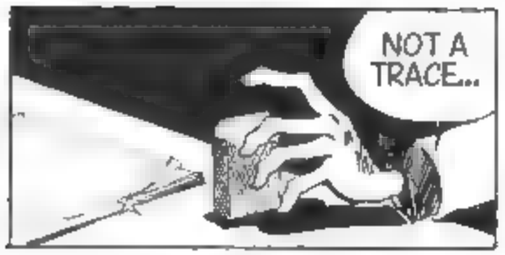
TO HELL, LUPIN!!



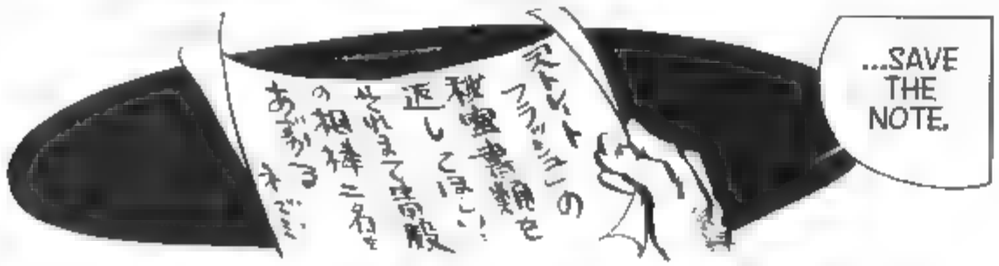


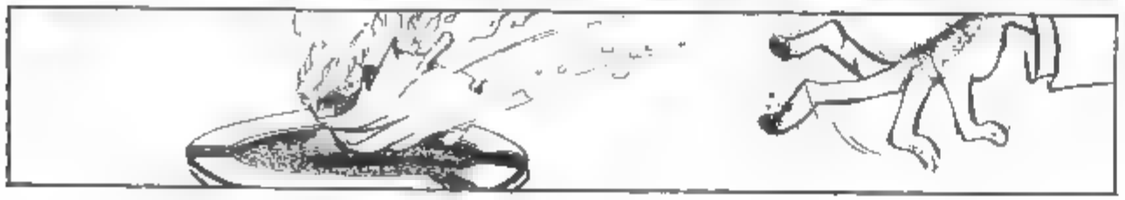


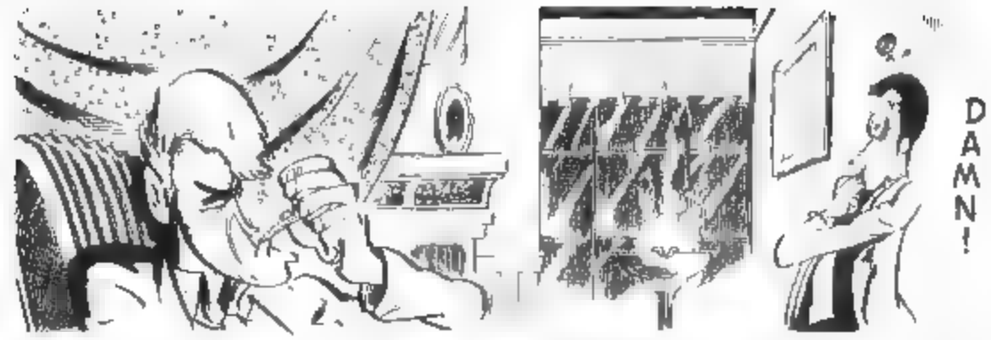




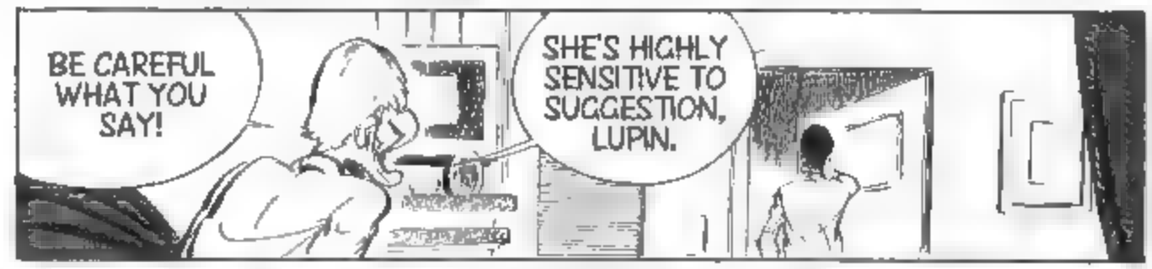
HAND OVER THE "STRAIGHT FLUSH" DOCUMENT, OR YOUR FRIENDS SLEEP THE BIG SLEEP.
-THE RAT






DAMN!

IN THE NEXT ROOM. SHE'S STILL UNDER HYPNOSIS.
WHERE'S THE GIRL?


BE CAREFUL WHAT YOU SAY!
SHE'S HIGHLY SENSITIVE TO SUGGESTION, LUPIN.

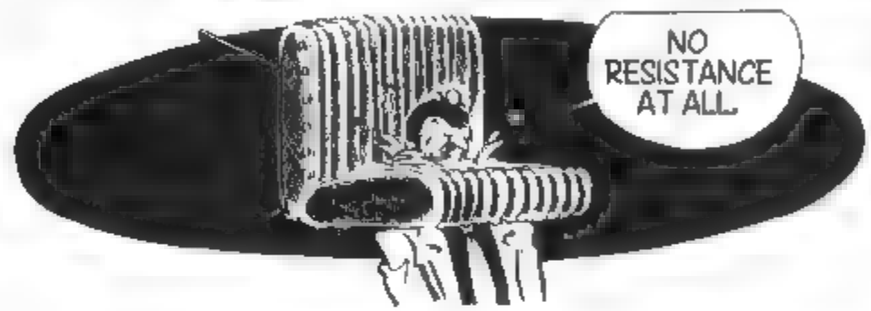
I WORK FOR THE RAT CLAN.
MY NAME IS FUJIKO MINE.
WHO DO YOU WORK FOR?
WHAT'S YOUR NAME?

WANT TO TRY?
NO.
EVER SLEPT WITH A MAN?
18.
HOW OLD ARE YOU?
DON'T KNOW.
YOUR BOSS?

NO.
EVER BEEN KISSED?
YES.
ARE THEY STILL ALIVE?
DON'T KNOW.
WHY WERE JIGEN AND GOEMON KIDNAPPED ?

WELL, THAT'S WHERE IT STARTS!

THE EXPERIMENT WAS A SUCCESS, PROFESSOR.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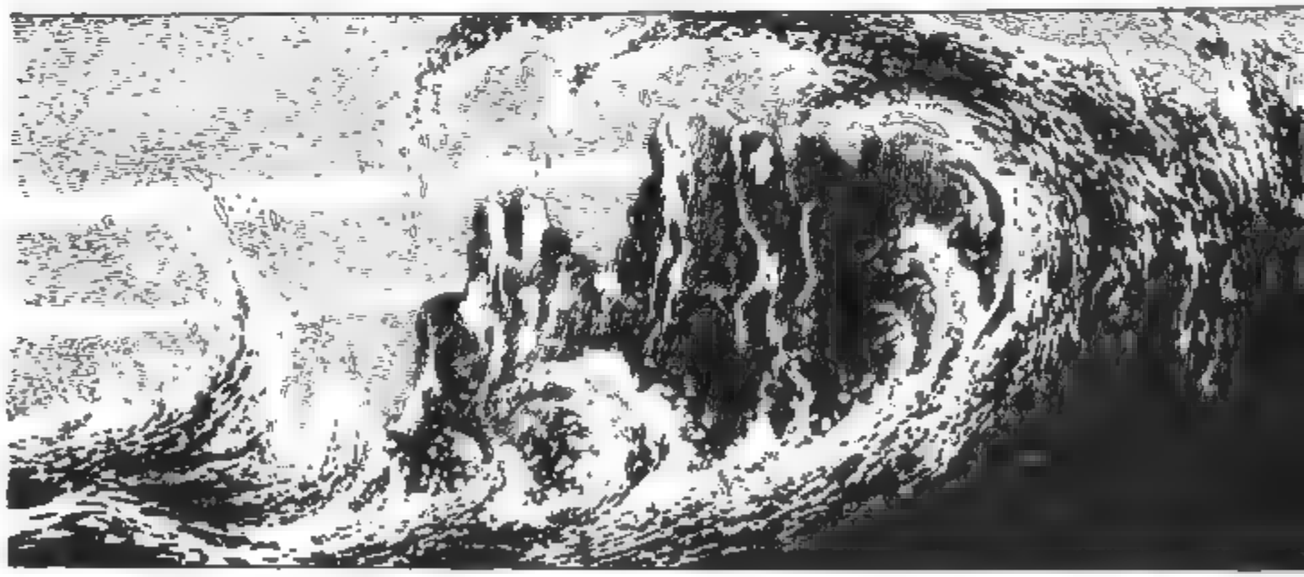
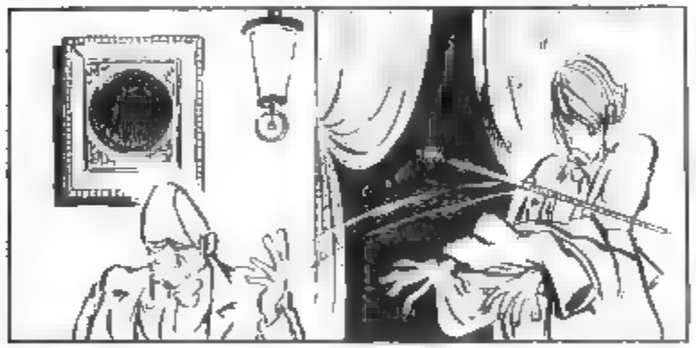
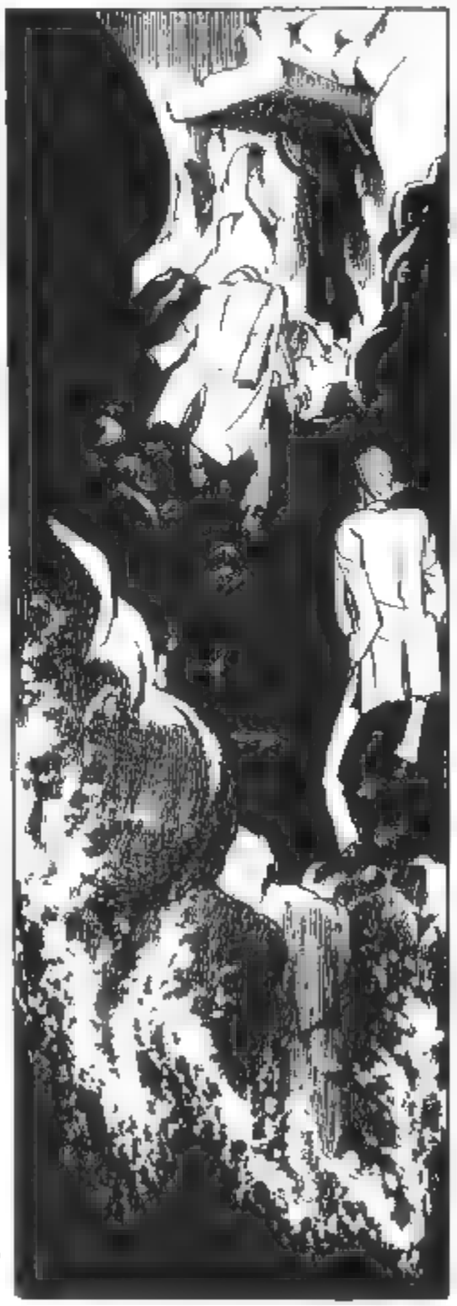


WHAT ARE WE GOING TO DO ABOUT LUPIN ?

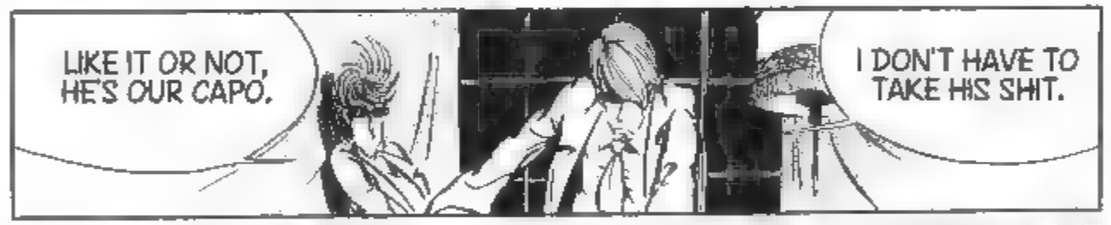


I SAID, WHAT ARE WE GOING TO DO--



FUCK THAT FAT APE!

I'M TAKING A BATH.


LIKE IT OR NOT, HE'S OUR CAPO.
I DON'T HAVE TO TAKE HIS SHIT.

I'M THE SMART ONE!
I SHOULD BE IN CHARGE OF THIS OUTFIT!

HE EARNED HIS POSITION FAIR AND SQUARE. WE'RE ALL UNDER THE SAME SYSTEM.
CALM DOWN, ROKU.

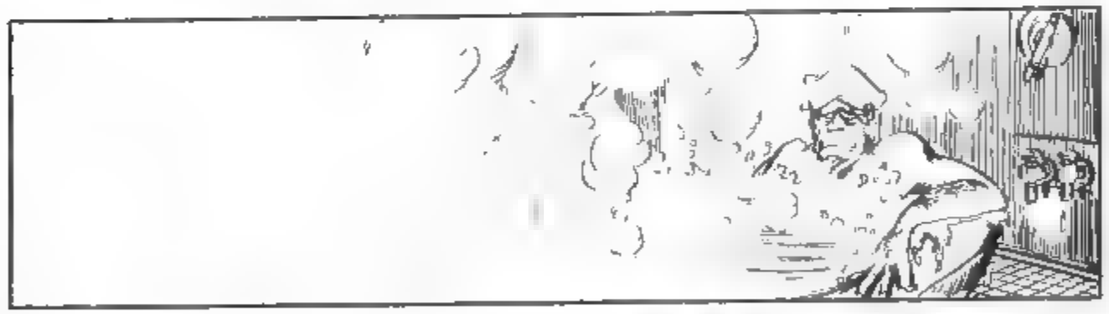
AH, YES! HE IS, ISN'T HE? AND SO GOOD AT HIS GODDAMN JOB.

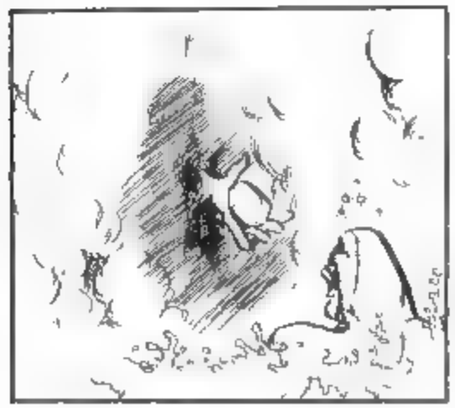
...MUCH BETTER-LOOKING.
YOUNGER, SMARTER...
I'M BETTER THAN HE IS.
FUCK THE SYSTEM!

YOU KNOW, TRUE LEADERS PLAY THINGS COOL.

IS THAT THE MEASURE OF LEADERSHIP MATERIAL?

SO HE'S FASTER WITH A GUN. SO WHAT?!

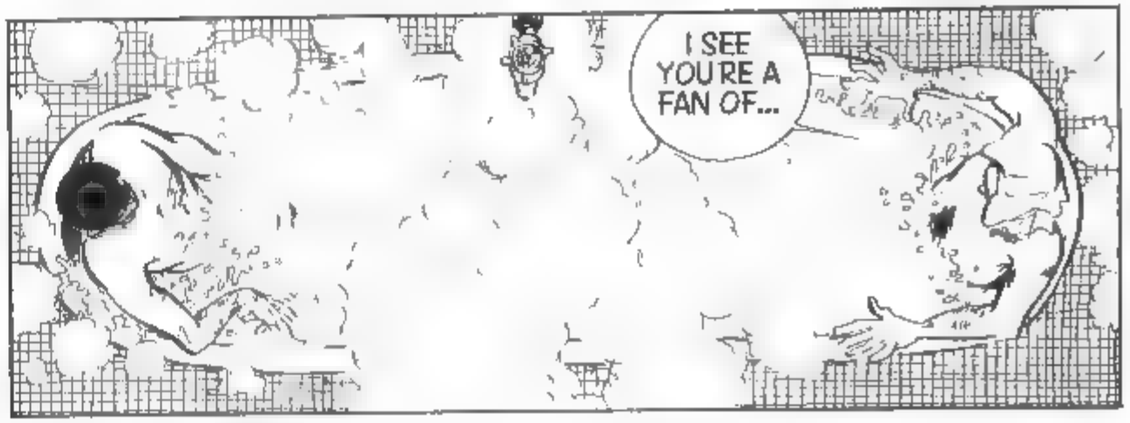


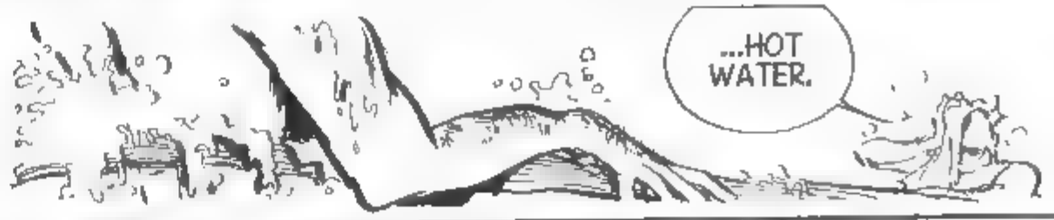


YOU CAN USE MINE.

WHERE'S MY SOAP?

LUPIN!
I KNOW THAT VOICE.

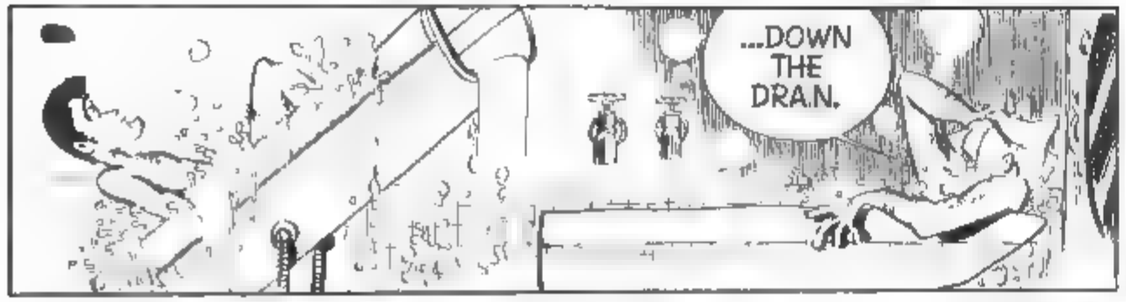

I SEE YOU'RE A FAN OF...

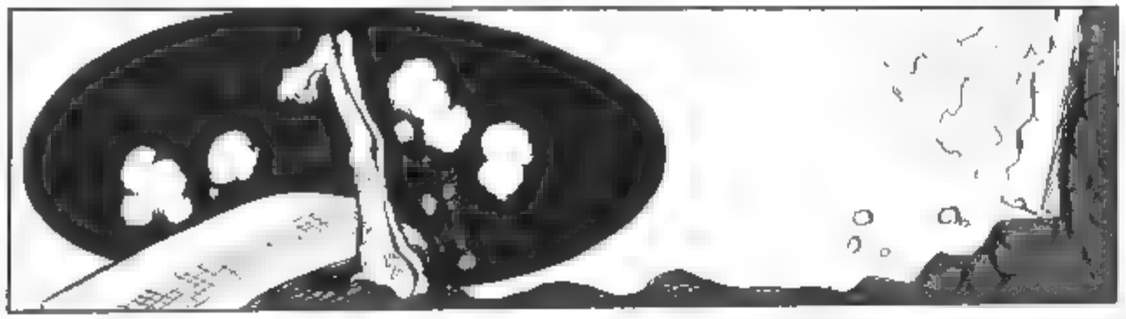

...HOT WATER.

RELEASE JIGEN AND GOEMON, OR I'LL FLAVOR YOUR SOUP.

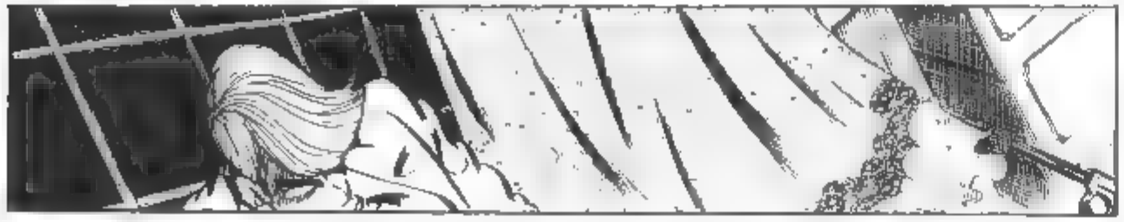
ANOTHER RESCUE OPPORTUNITY ...

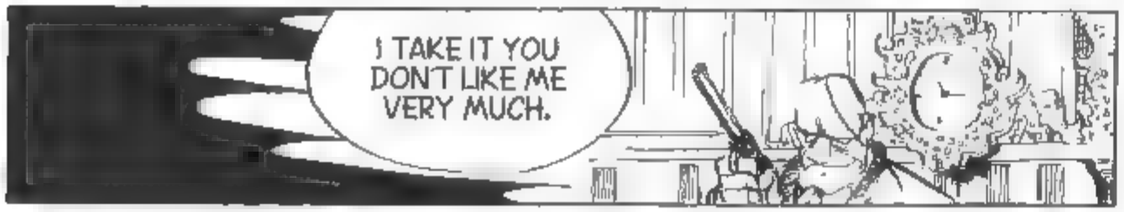
NO CAN DO.
AND THE DOCUMENT ...?


...DOWN THE DRAIN.

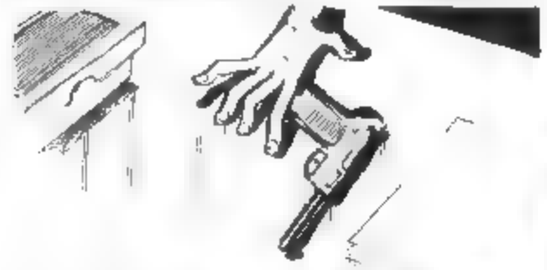


ROKU ...!

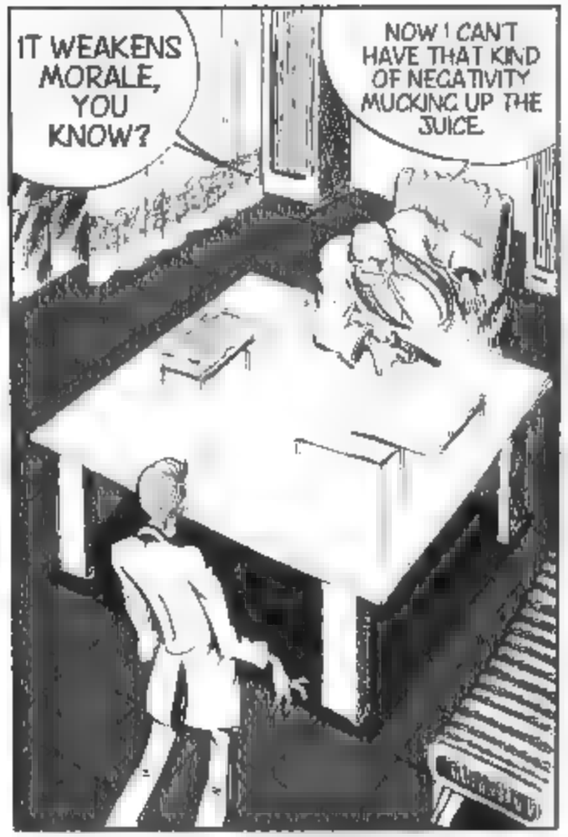



I TAKE IT YOU DON'T LIKE ME VERY MUCH.

IF THINGS GOT BAD, I'D HAVE TO OFF YOU.

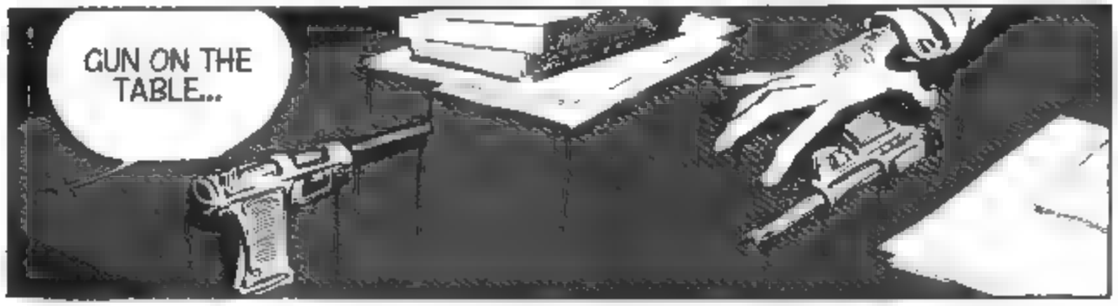


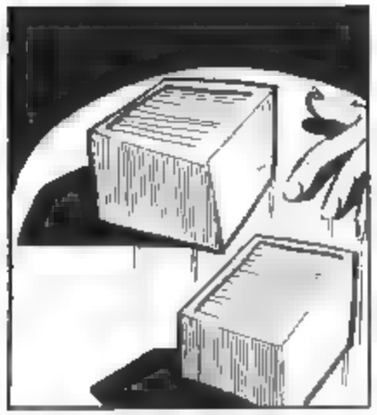
BUT THAT'S SUCH AN UGLY, UNILATERAL WAY TO SNUFF IT.

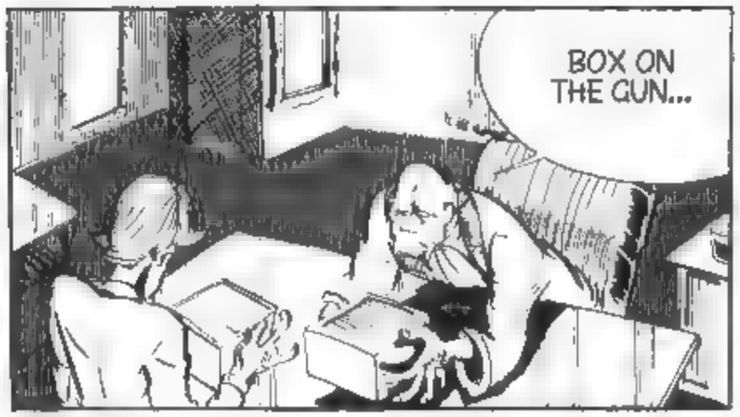

IT WEAKENS MORALE, YOU KNOW?
NOW I CAN'T HAVE THAT KIND OF NEGATIVITY MUCKING UP THE JUICE.

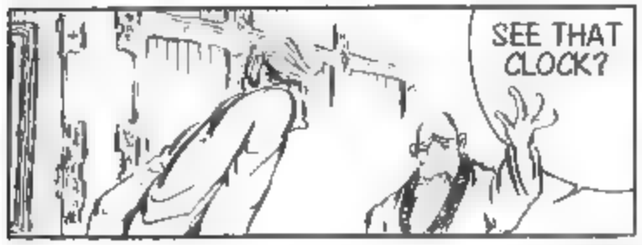
I'LL GIVE YOU ONE SHOT. FAIR AND SQUARE.
SO, I'M GONNA GIVE YOU A FIGHTING CHANCE.

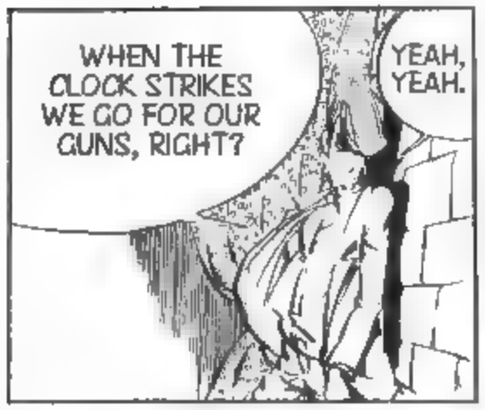
YOUR GENEROSITY WILL BE YOUR UNDOING.


GUN ON THE TABLE...

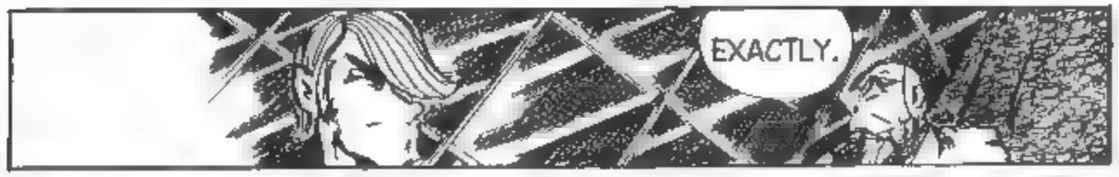



BOX ON THE GUN...


SEE THAT CLOCK?


WHEN THE CLOCK STRIKES WE GO FOR OUR GUNS, RIGHT?
YEAH, YEAH.

IT'S ALMOST THREE...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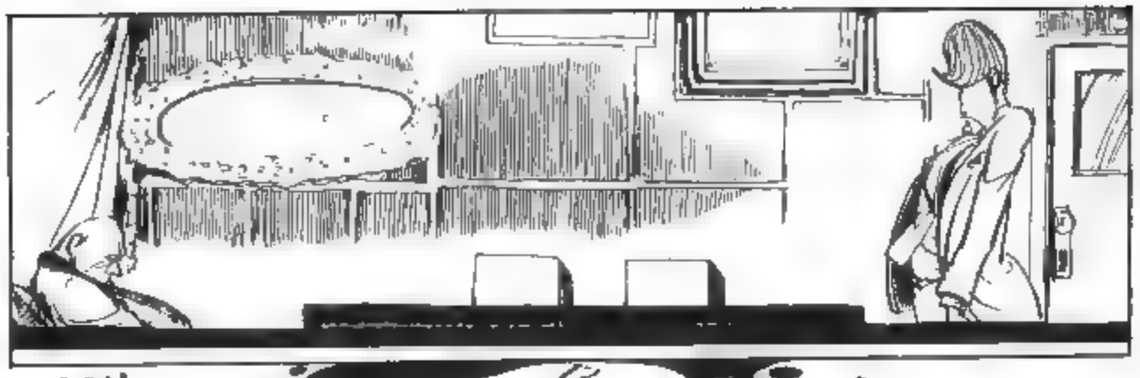

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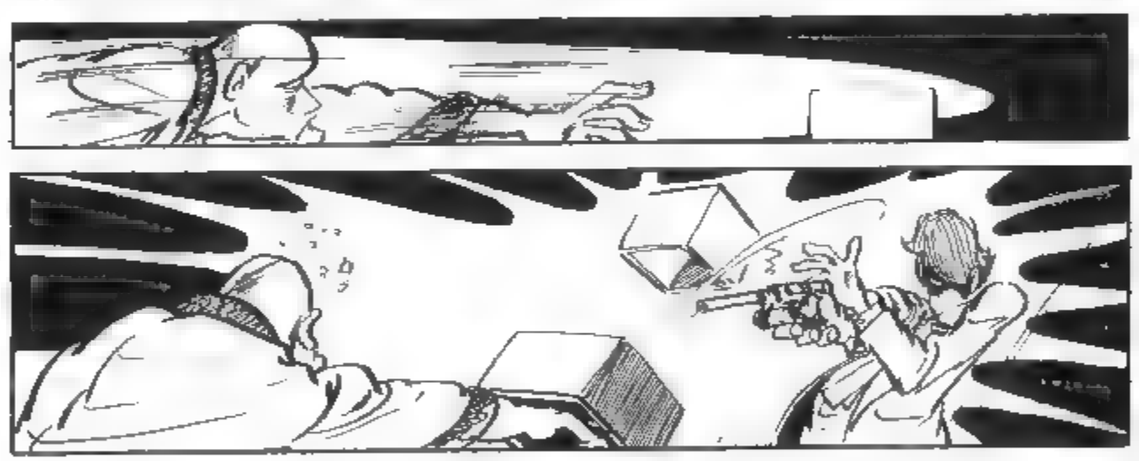


HOW WAS YOUR SWIM?
STILL UNDER HYPNOSIS, I'M AFRAID.
WHERE'S THE SHE-RAT? I NEED A MASSAGE.

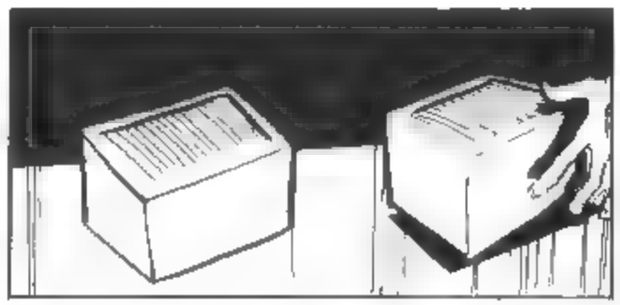
NOW STARE INTO MY EYES.

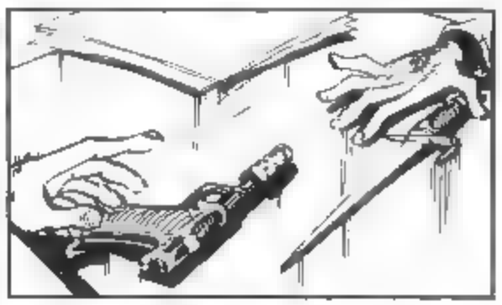
ALL OF IT!
TAKE IT OFF!

BETTER YET, STARE INTO MY NAVEL.

HYPNOTIZE YOUR WOMAN TODAY.
FELLAS, THERE'S NOTHING LIKE IT.

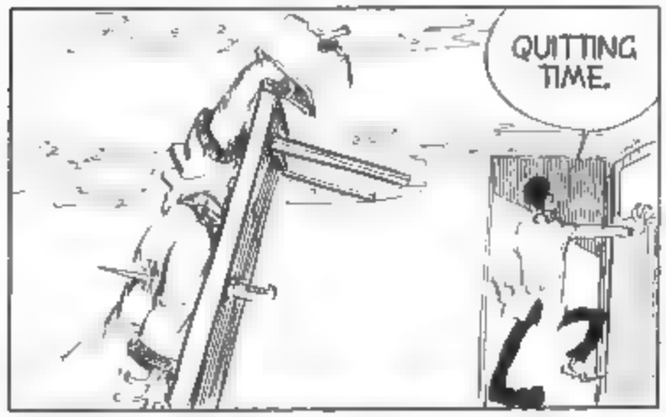
YOU HAVE A GUEST!

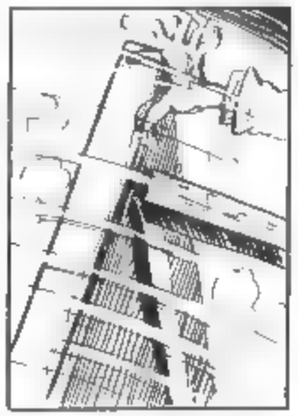


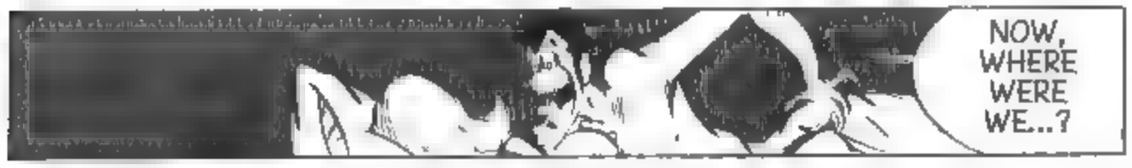


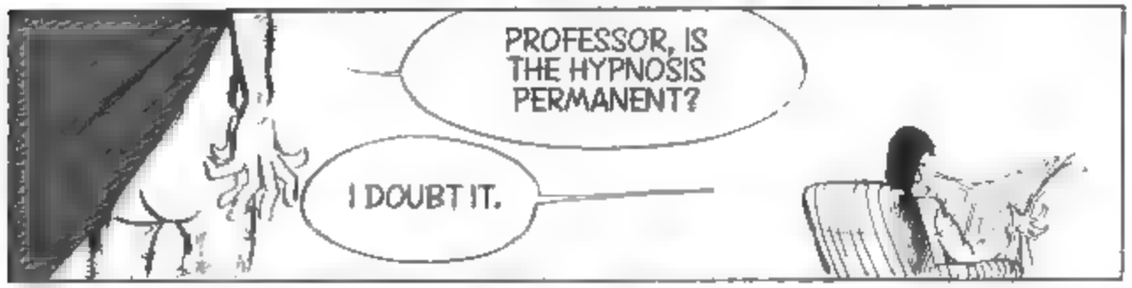
WE BEGIN AT THE STRIKE OF FIVE.

AND IF I WIN, THE STRAIGHT FLUSH IS MINE!
IF I WIN, YOU RETURN MY ASSOCIATES.

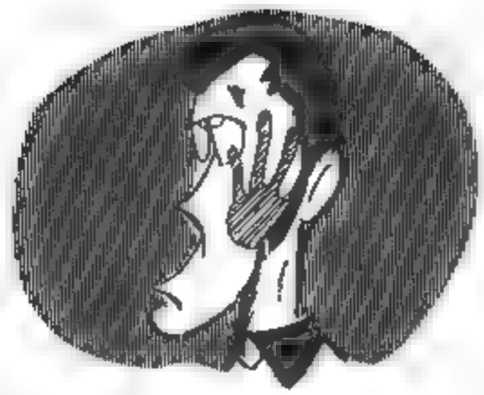

QUITTING TIME.




NOW, WHERE WERE WE...?


PROFESSOR, IS THE HYPNOSIS PERMANENT?
I DOUBT IT.

SO DO I!



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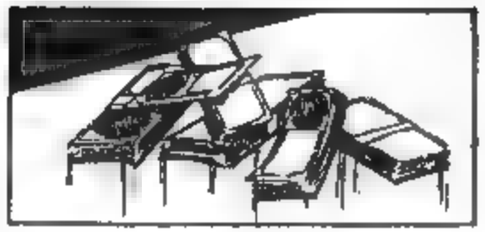
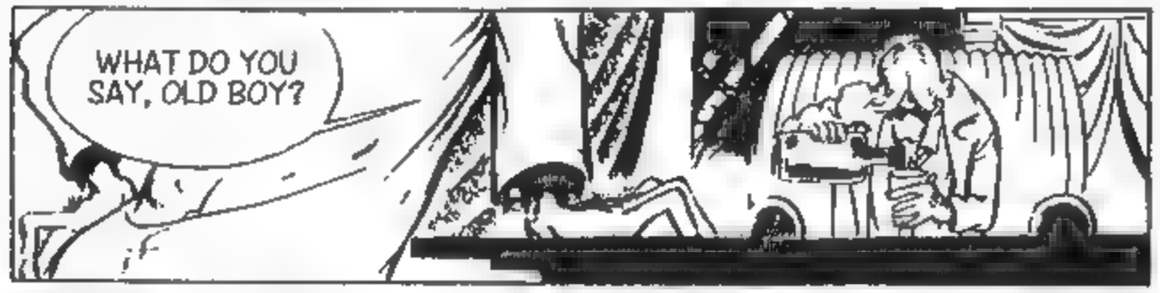
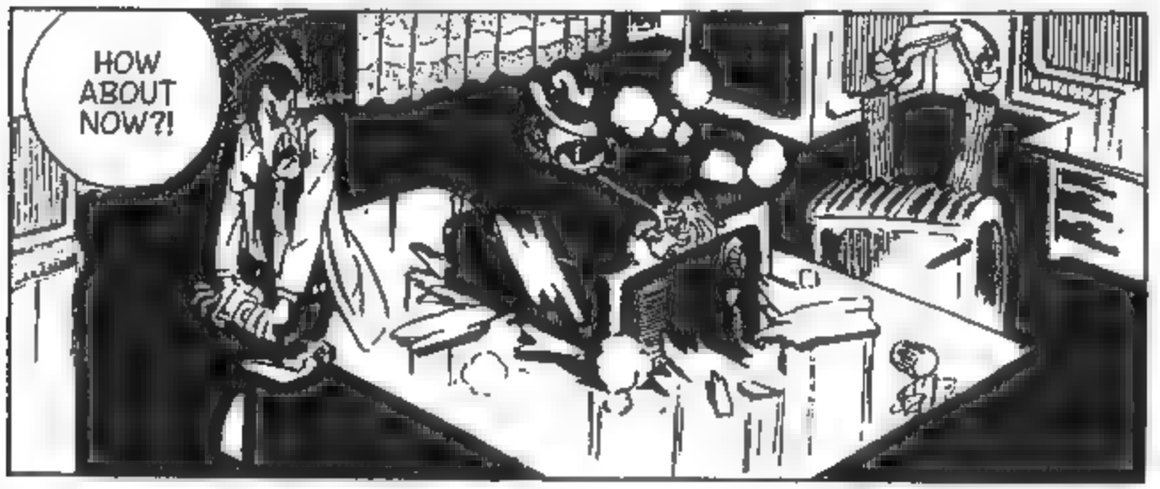
"THE RAT CLAN AND THE SEA"

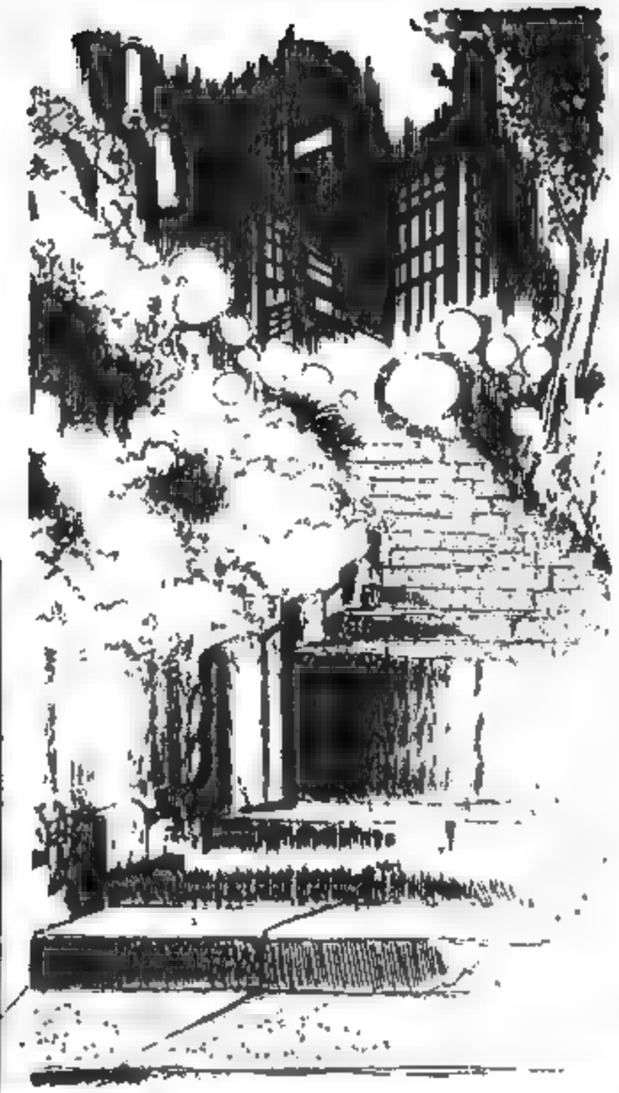


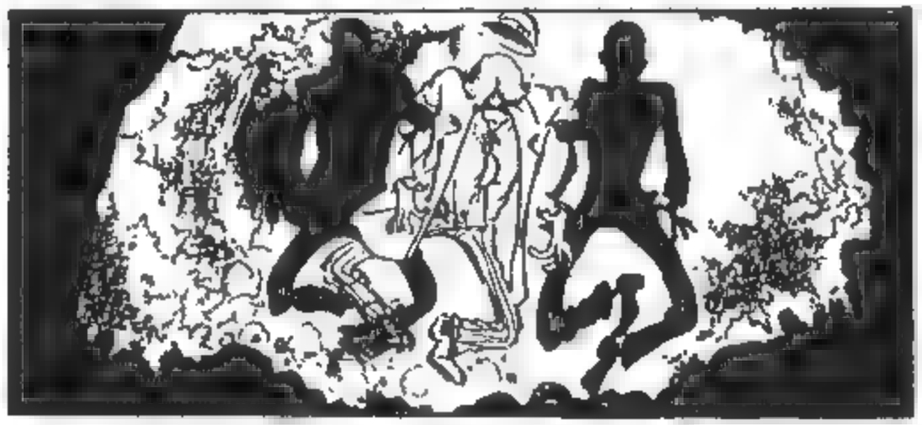

WHAT DO YOU SAY, OLD BOY?

DAMNIT, JIGEN! BRING OUT THE BUNDLE!


HOW ABOUT NOW?!

HA-CHOO

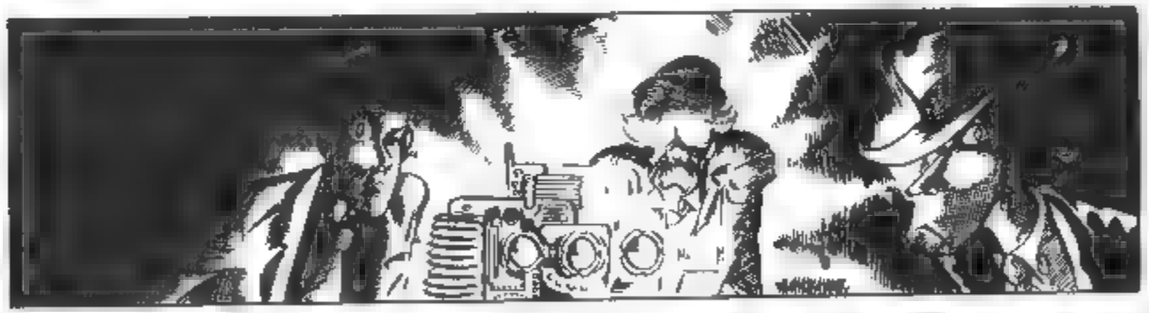


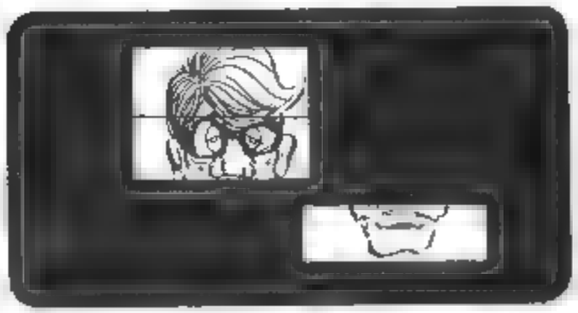


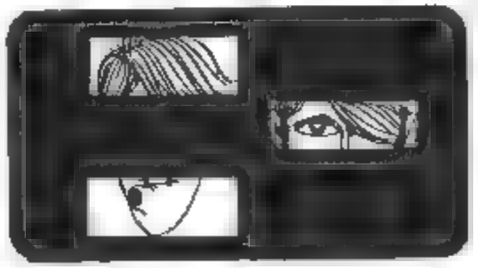
KEEP THE MONEY.

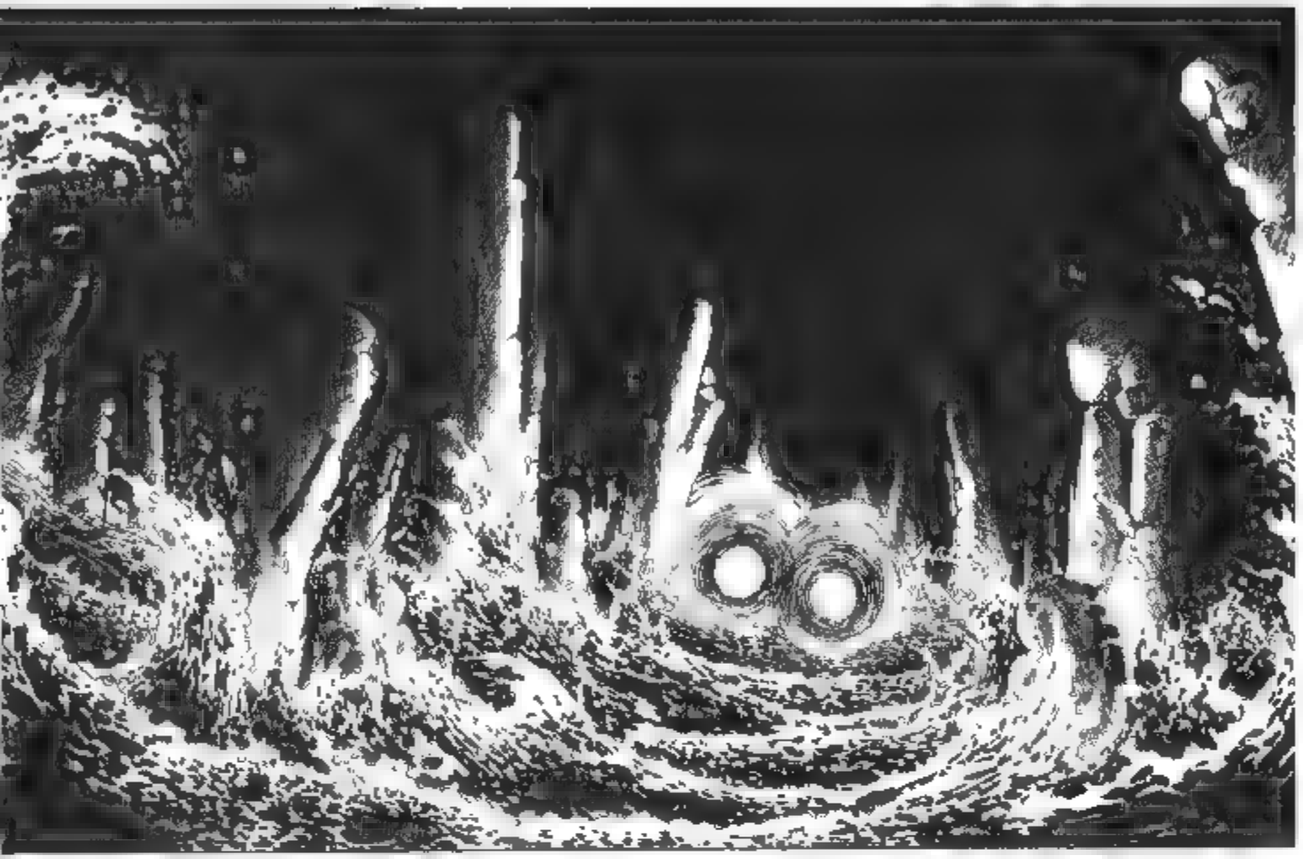
OKAY.

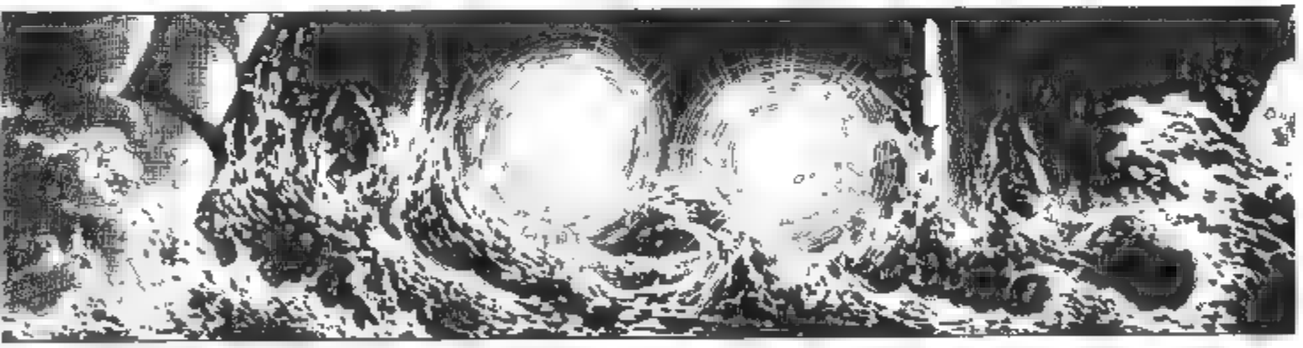
ALL I WANT IS THE FACE.
THE FACE OF THE RAT.

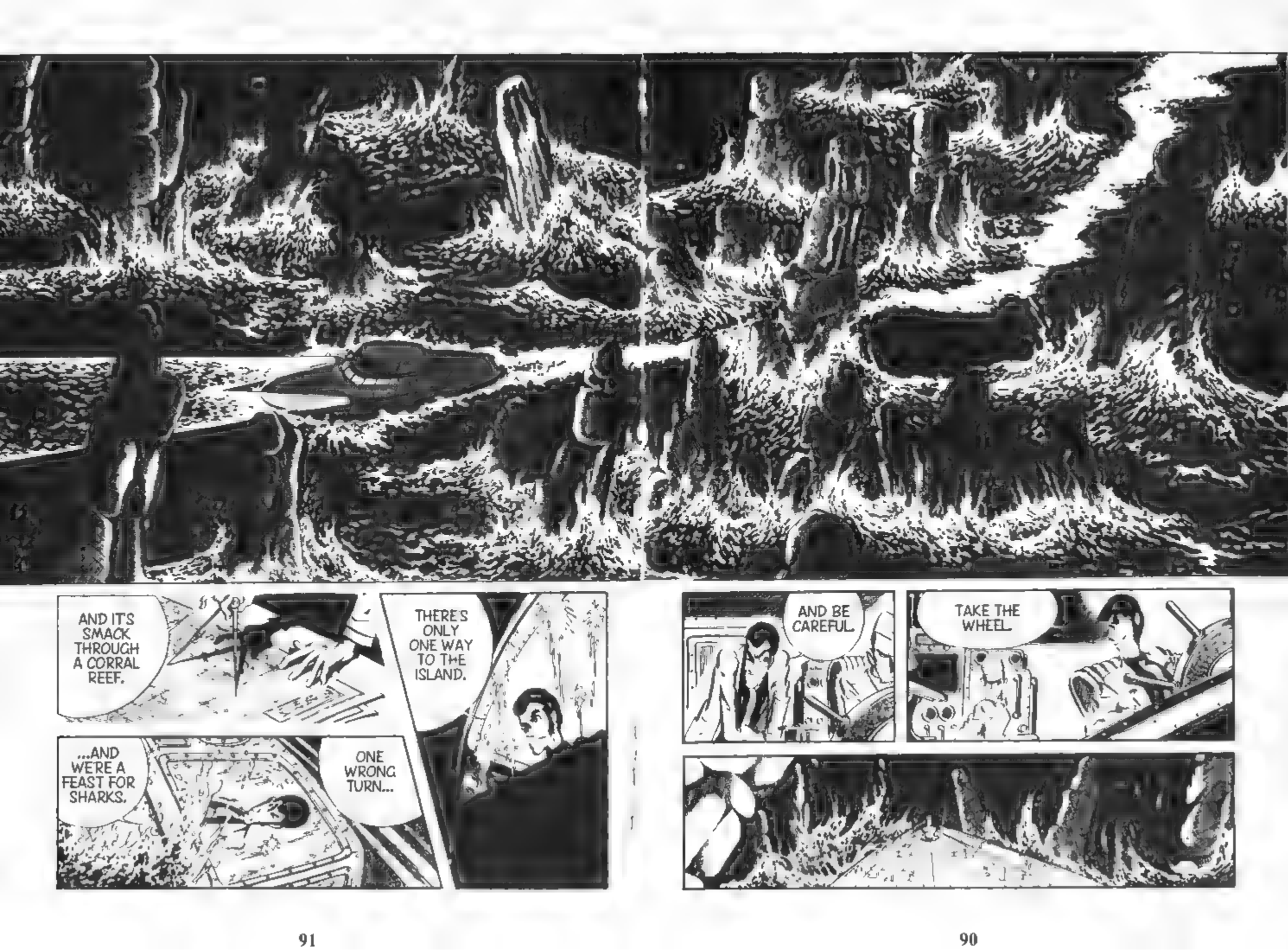


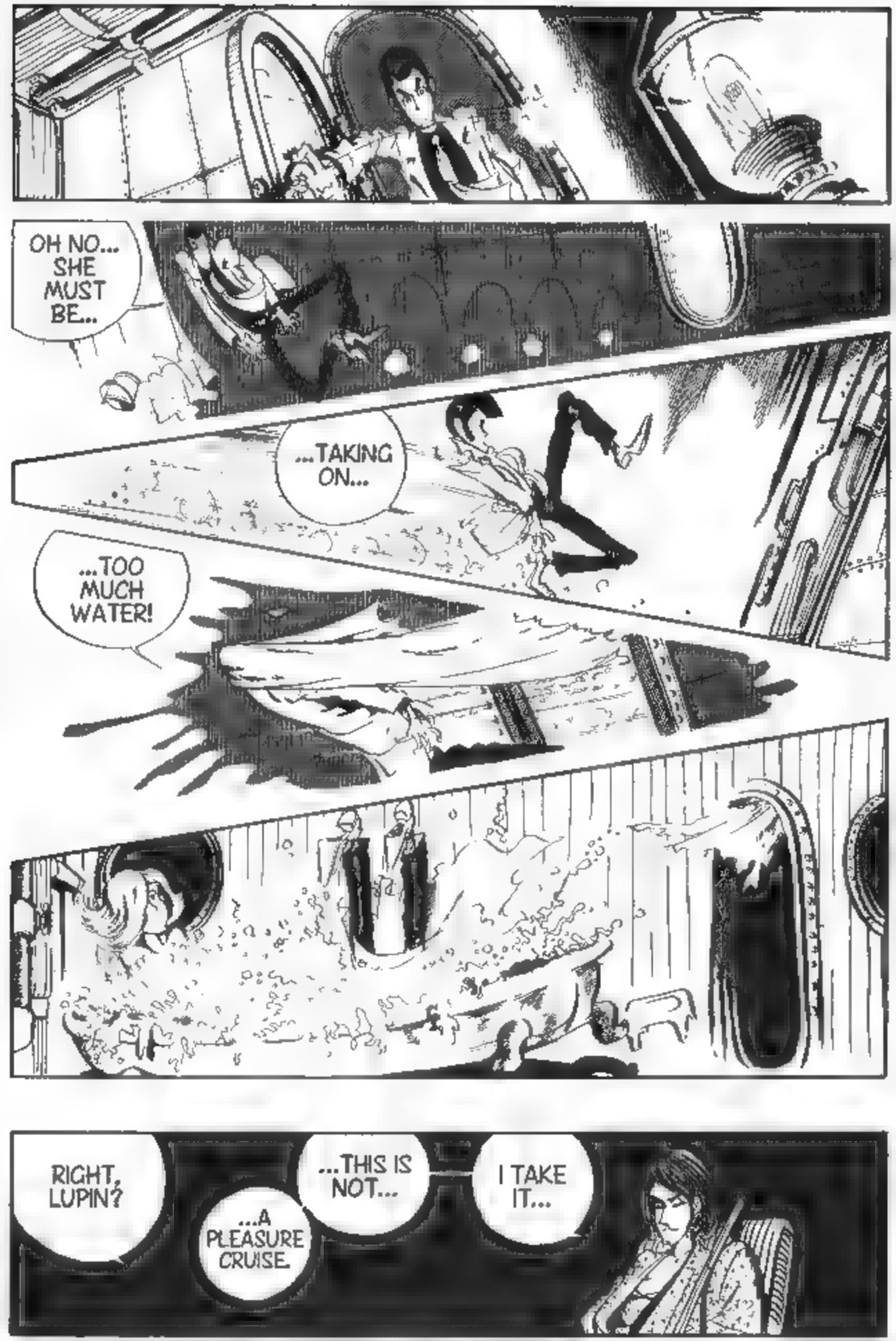









AND BE CAREFUL.
TAKE THE WHEEL.
AND IT'S SMACK THROUGH A CORRAL REEF.
THERE'S ONLY ONE WAY TO THE ISLAND.
...AND WE'RE A FEAST FOR SHARKS.
ONE WRONG TURN...


OH NO... SHE MUST BE...
...TAKING ON...
...TOO MUCH WATER!
RIGHT, LUPIN?
...A PLEASURE CRUISE.
...THIS IS NOT...
I TAKE IT...

THE RAT BOSS?
PEST CONTROL, GOEMON.
WHAT'S THE MISSION?
EVEN TO HIS OWN MEN.
HE NEVER SHOWS HIS FACE.
IMPOS-SIBLE.
NOTHING'S IMPOSSIBLE, MY DEAR GOEMON.
HERE...
...PROVIDED TWO COMPOSITE PHOTOS.
OUR INFORM-ANT ...
...CATCH!

ONE ASSOCIATE... AND THE BOSS!
BUT THIS IS...
...FOR THE OLD MAN!
I THINK THE OLD MAN BETRAYED YOU.
OH, THAT WOULD BE TERRIBLE ...
...CAN BE A MEAN SITTER!
JIGEN ...

SLEEPING QUIET-LIKE IN HIS CRIB. YOU WANT I SHOULD WAKE HIM UP?
JIGEN... THIS IS LUPIN. HOW'S THE BABY?
LUPIN! WHY ARE YOU HOLDING ME CAPTIVE?!
I TOLD YOU EVERYTHING I KNOW ABOUT THE RAT BOSS!
SOUNDS LIKE SOMEONE'S GETTING CRANKY...NO COOKIE FOR YOU!
SEE, WE DON'T KNOW IF YOU'RE BEING A GOOD BABY, OR IF YOU'RE A LYING SACK OF SHIT.
AND IF YOU'RE LYING...

TAKE YOUR TIME, LUPIN. EVERYTHING'S UNDER CONTROL.

...THEN YOU'RE WORKING FOR THE RATS. AND WE HATE RATS.

NO ROOM FOR SURPRISES.

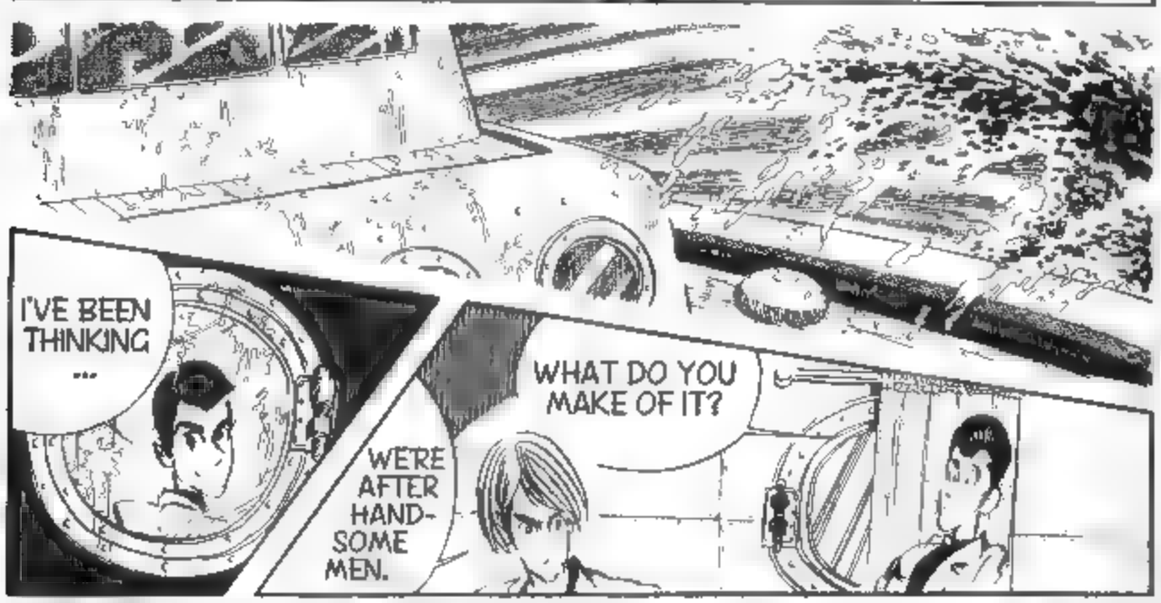
LOOK AT THIS.

AND HIS TOP DOG...

...IS YOU, LUPIN!

THE RAT BOSS...

...LIKE LOOKING IN A MIRROR.

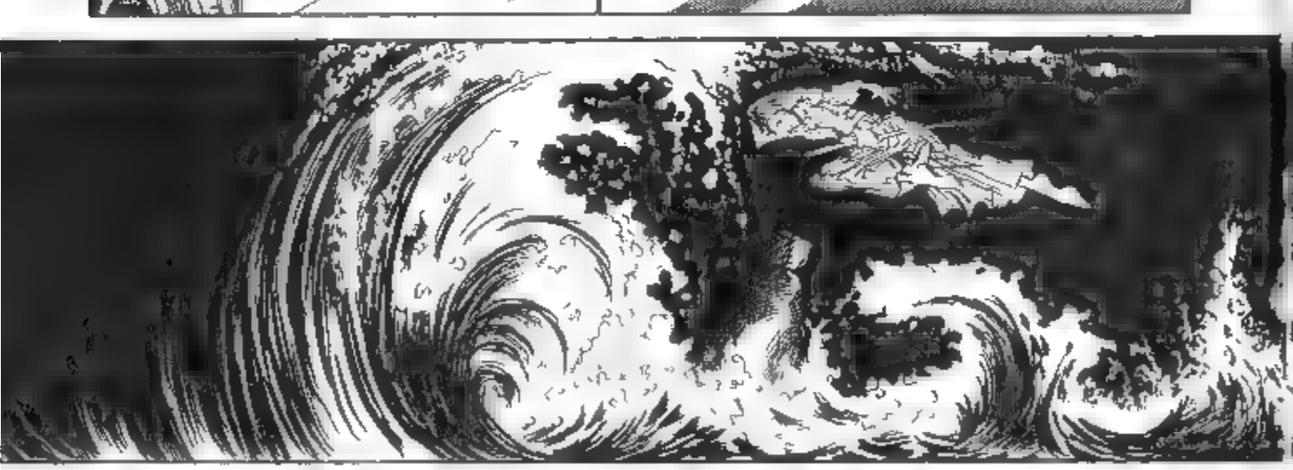

I'VE BEEN THINKING ...
WHAT DO YOU MAKE OF IT?
WERE AFTER HAND-SOME MEN.

...RAT RETREAT.
THE *SECRET*...
...THE OLD MAN SAID THE ISLAND WAS JUST PAST THE ROCKS.

WHICH MEANS...
...AND I DON'T SEE ANY ISLAND.
BUT I CHECKED THE MAPS ...

THE PHOTO IS A FAKE.
...LOOKS LIKE ME.
THIS IS A TRAP! THAT'S WHY THE BOSS...

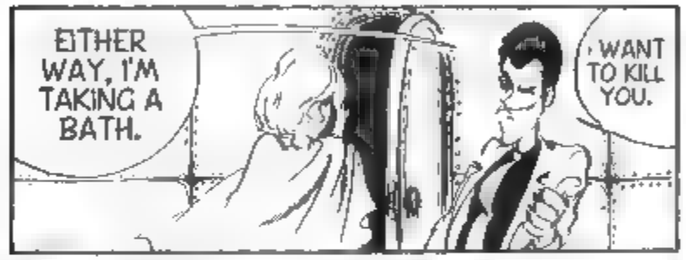
OH, NO. I SNAPPED THAT ONE MYSELF.
AND THIS PHOTO, TOO.



IT'S RIGGED WITH EXPLOSIVES! IT'S ABOUT TO BLOW!
YOU SHOULDN'T HAVE LEFT LUPIN ON THE BOAT!

BUT YOU'RE NOT GOEMON.
YOU'RE A RAT, ALL RIGHT.

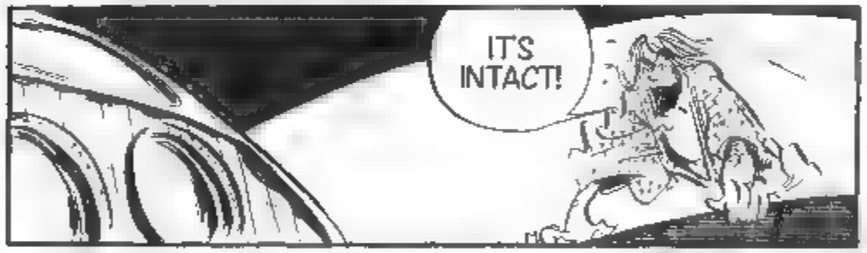
...TO MILK YOU FOR INFORMATION.
I ONLY KEPT YOU AROUND ...
I'VE KNOWN FROM THE START.


EITHER WAY, I'M TAKING A BATH.
I WANT TO KILL YOU.

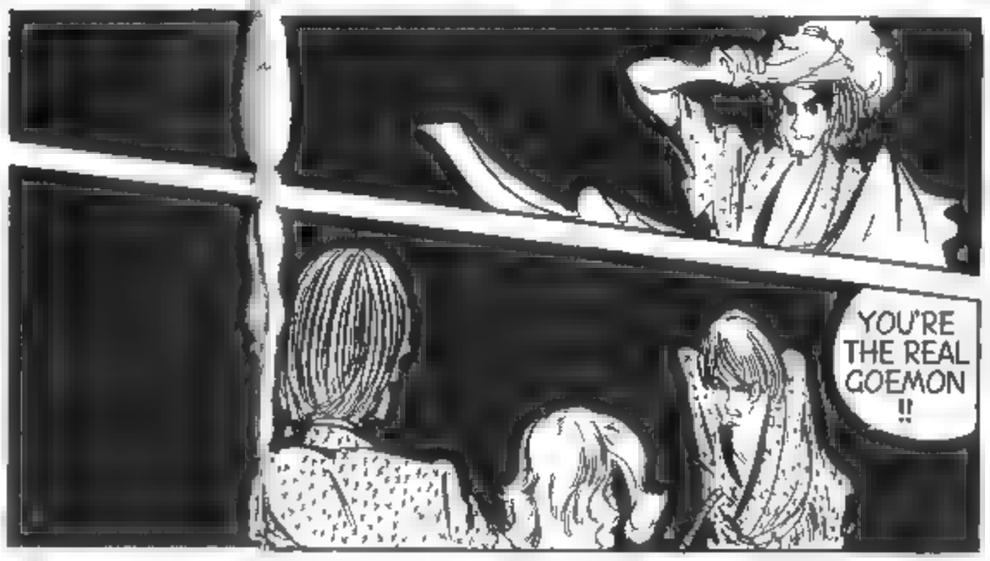
I HOPE NOT.
YOU THINK I'LL TALK?

LUPIN!
ARE YOU OKAY?!

THE SHIP!


IT'S INTACT!

NOT EXACTLY.


YOU'RE THE REAL GOEMON !!

HA HA HA HA HA HA HA.
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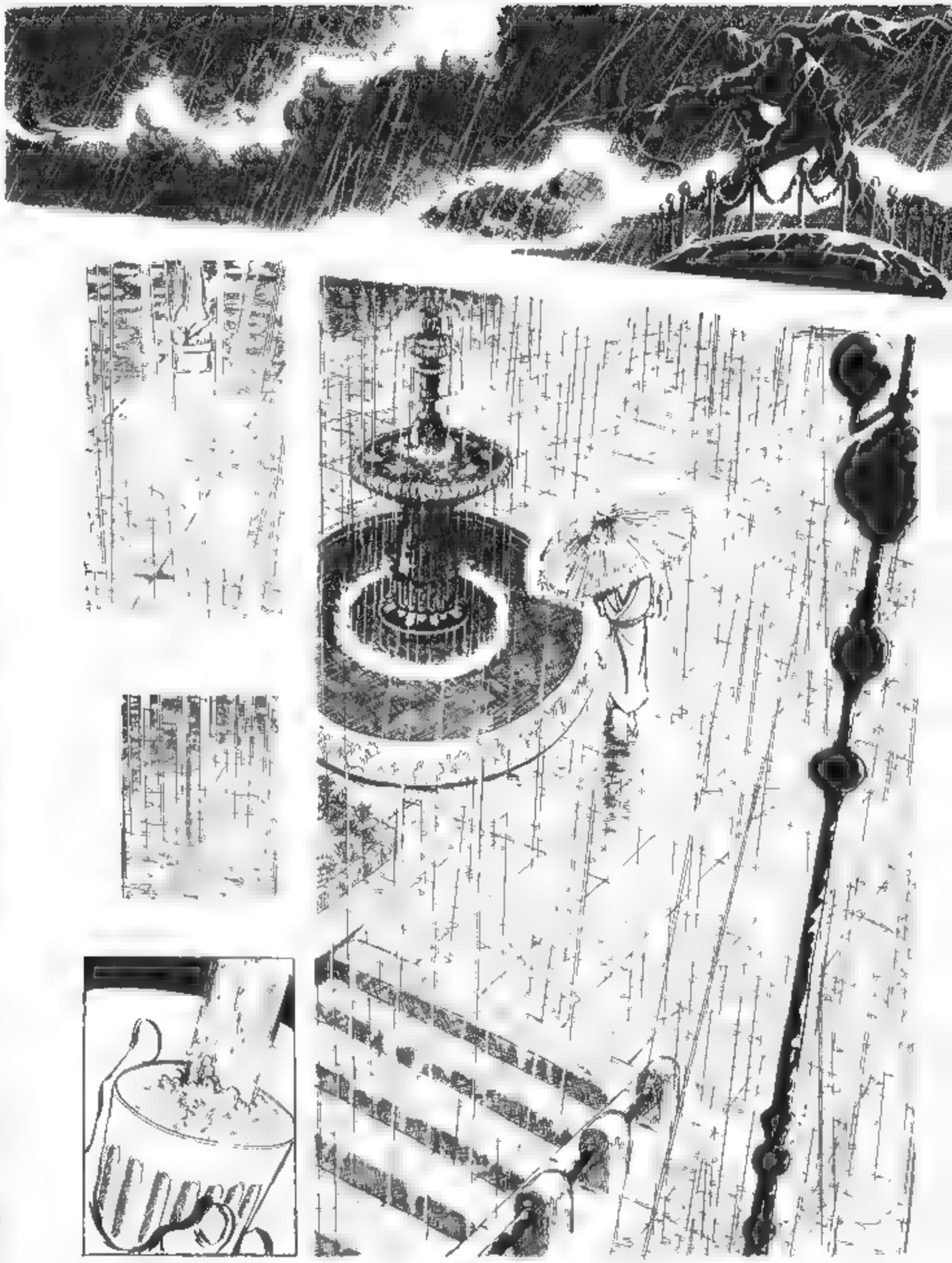
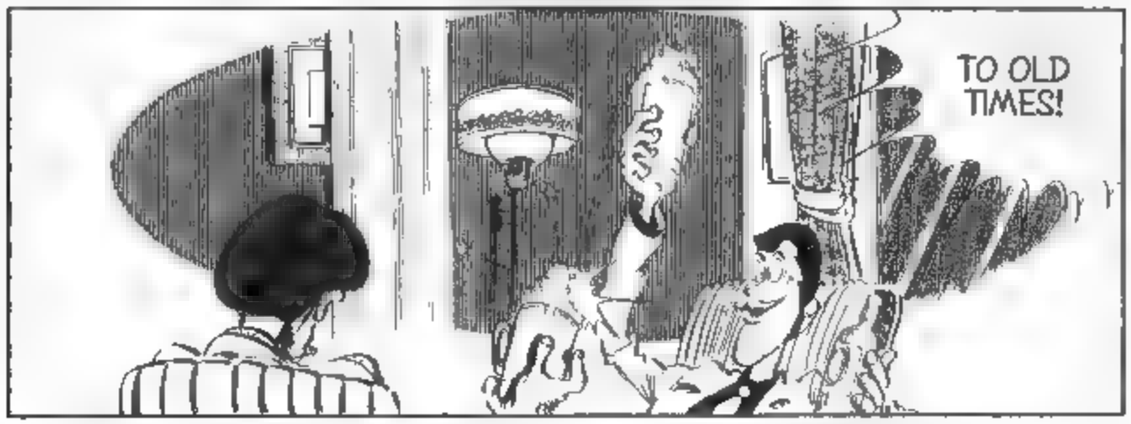
CHAPTER 71

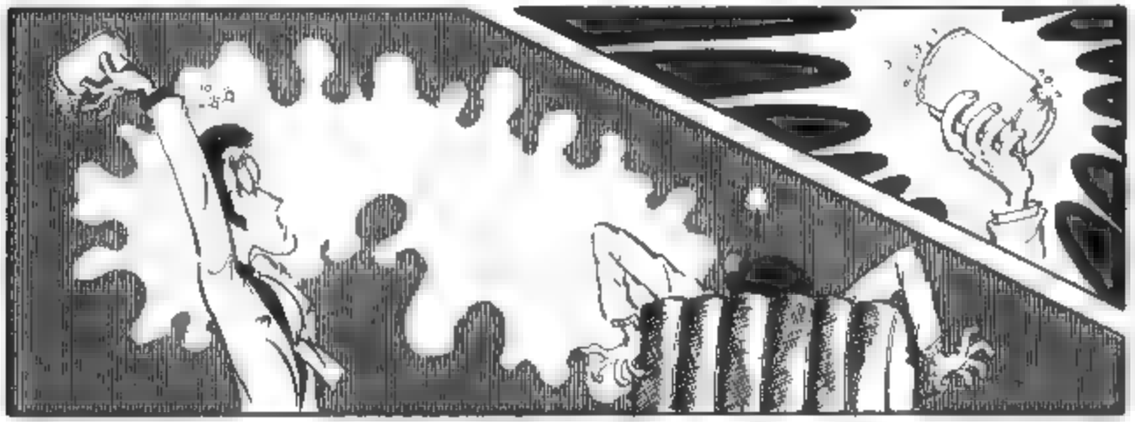
"TO OLD ACQUAINTANCE BEING SHOT"




TO OLD TIMES!

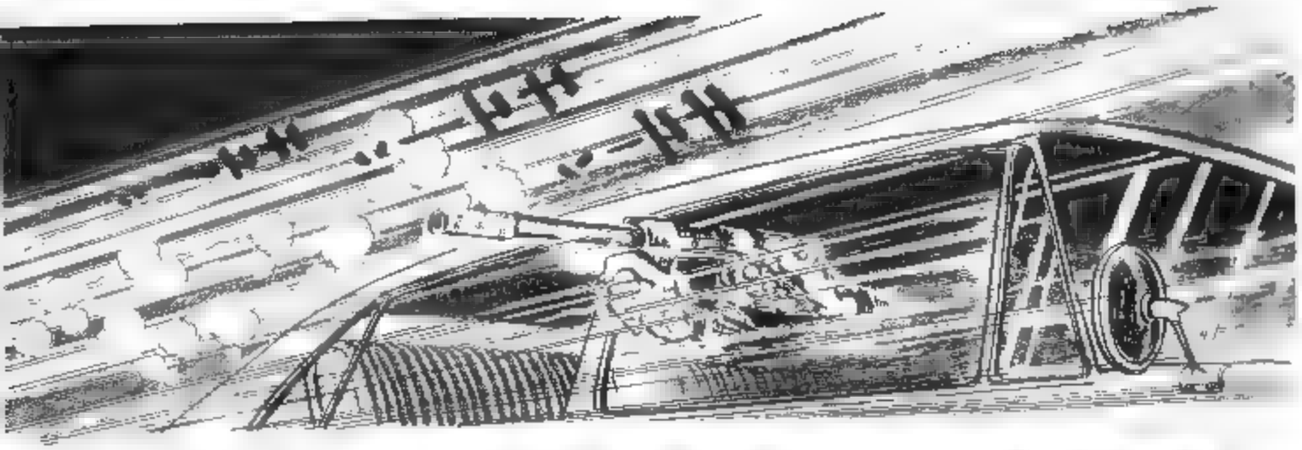
YOU GIGOLO YOU.
I'M GLAD YOU'RE BACK IN THE COUNTRY. BUT I HATE TO SHARE THE WOMEN.

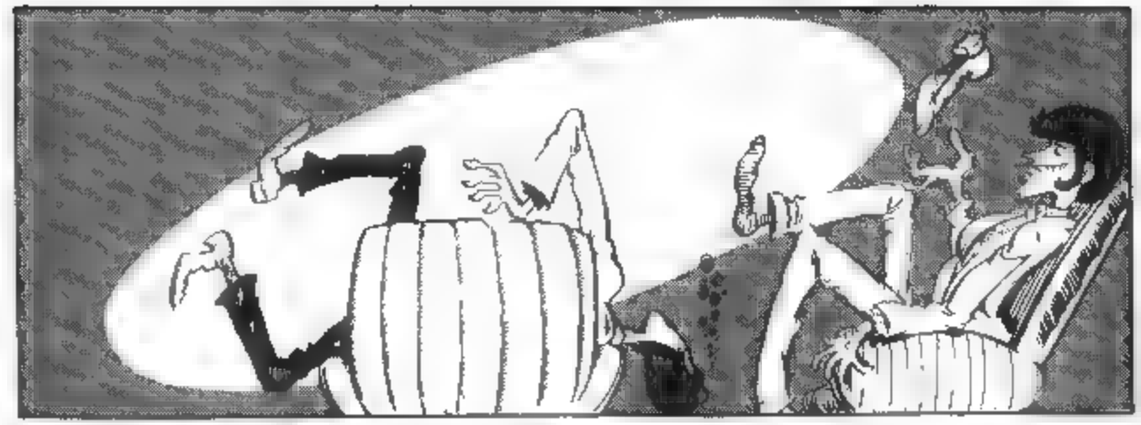
SO, HOW LONG HAS IT BEEN NOW?

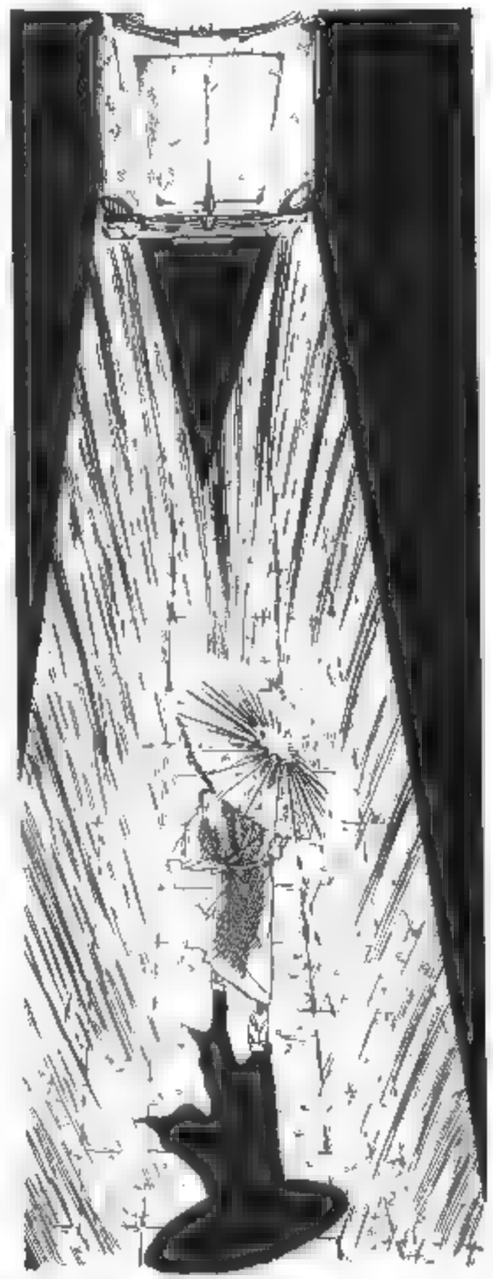


...CHEEKY BASTARD.
YOU BROKE MORE HEARTS THAN ME ...

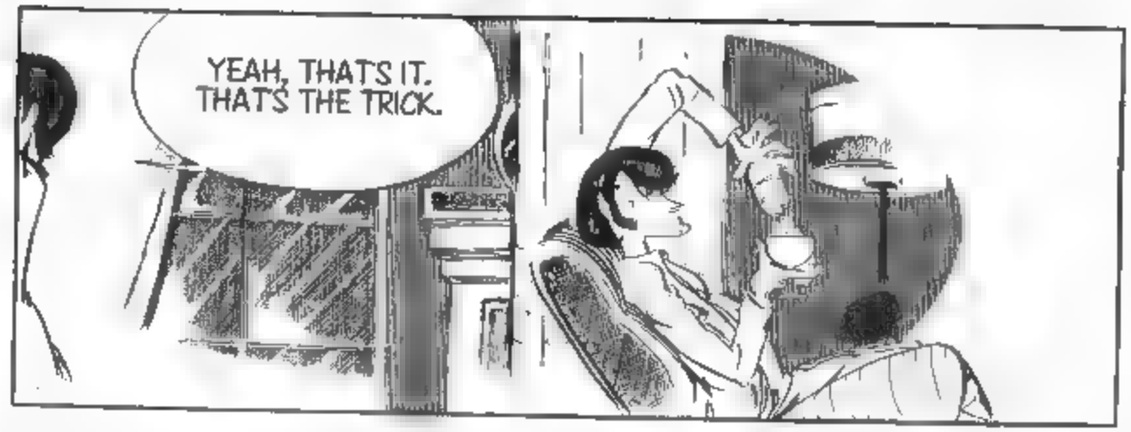
STILL GOT THE POWER TO MAKE THE GIRLS SWOON!
WHAT ABOUT YOU...?

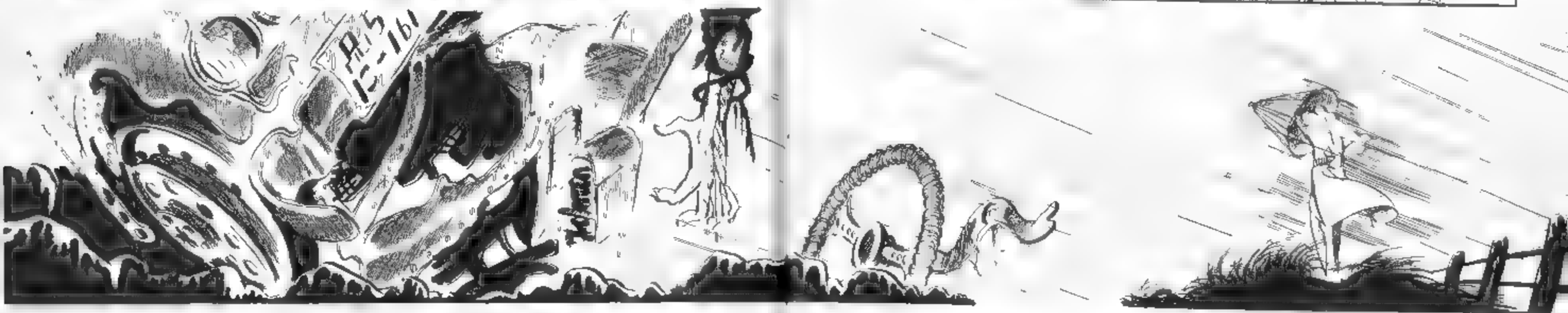


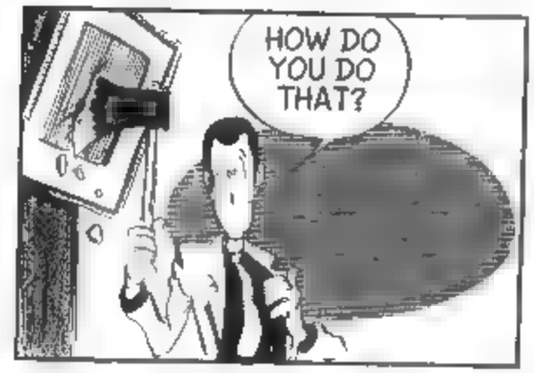




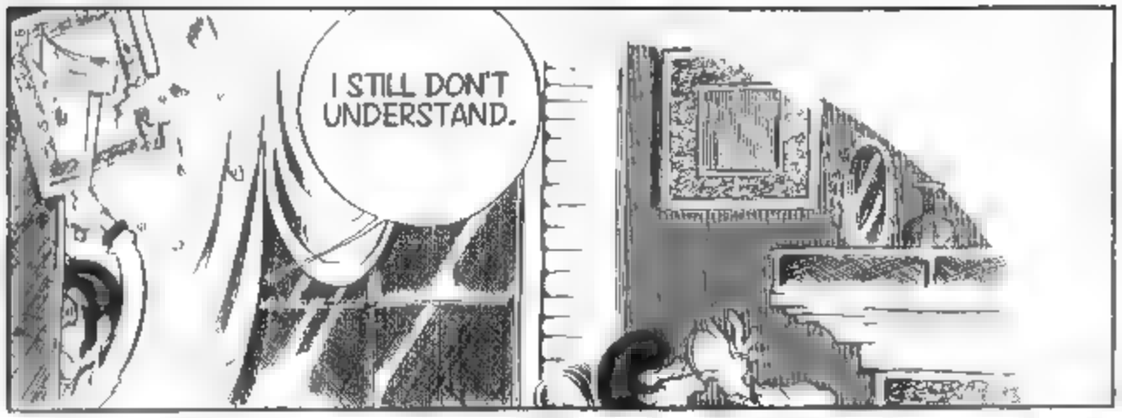
GGGGGG-
NNNNA
SO FILL ME IN ON THE PAST FEW YEARS.
ARE YOU RUNNING OUT OF PEOPLE TO KILL?
HOW'S THE ASSASSIN BUSINESS?
I HAVEN'T YET.
...NEVER COULD FIGURE IT OUT.
YOU ALWAYS HAD THAT ONE TRICK ...
TAKE THAT !
...!!
YOU WANT TO TRY AGAIN?
YOU'RE ON!


YEAH, THAT'S IT. THAT'S THE TRICK.




HOW DO YOU DO THAT?

I'VE GOT TO HAVE SOME ADVANTAGE.
COME ON, LUV.

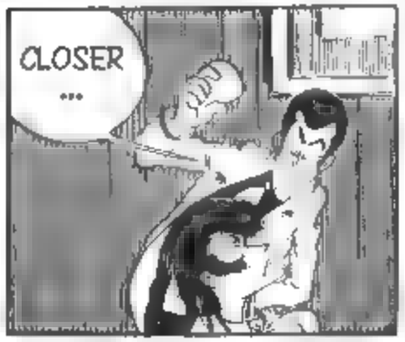

I STILL DON'T UNDERSTAND.

BUT IT DOESN'T MAKE SENSE! WATCH!

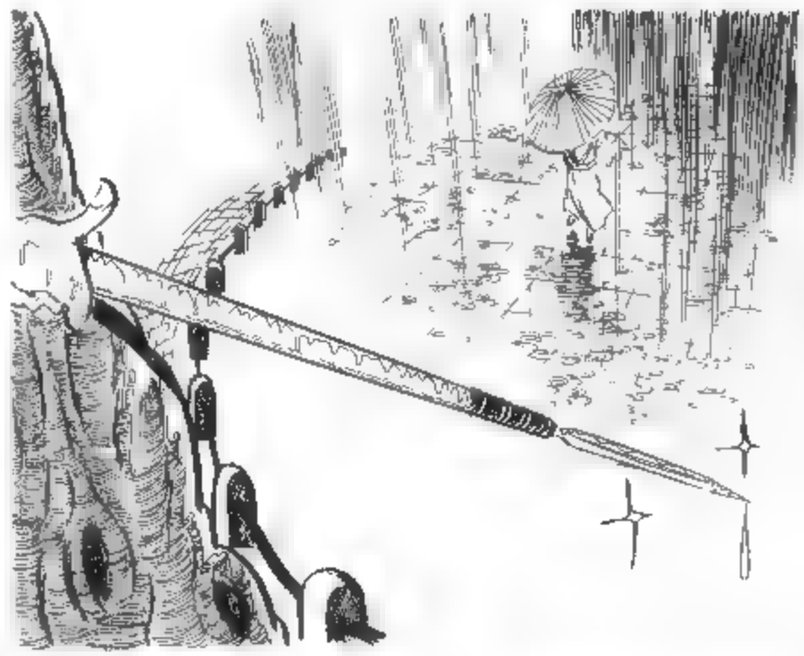
IT'S ALL IN THE STYLE. HA HA HA...

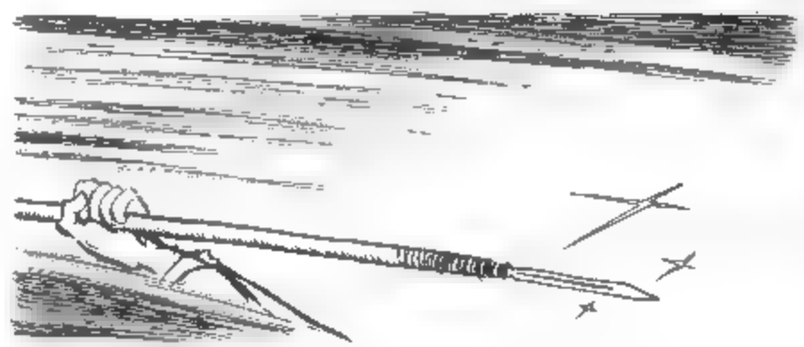
THEN... BAM!

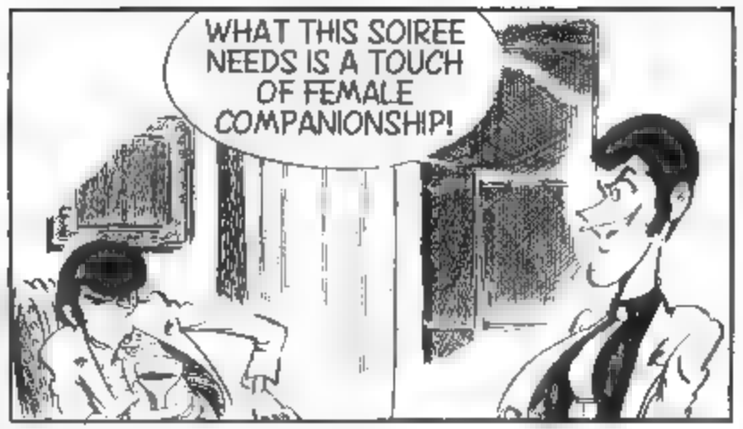
CLOSER ...


CLOSER ...

I'M ALL WET!





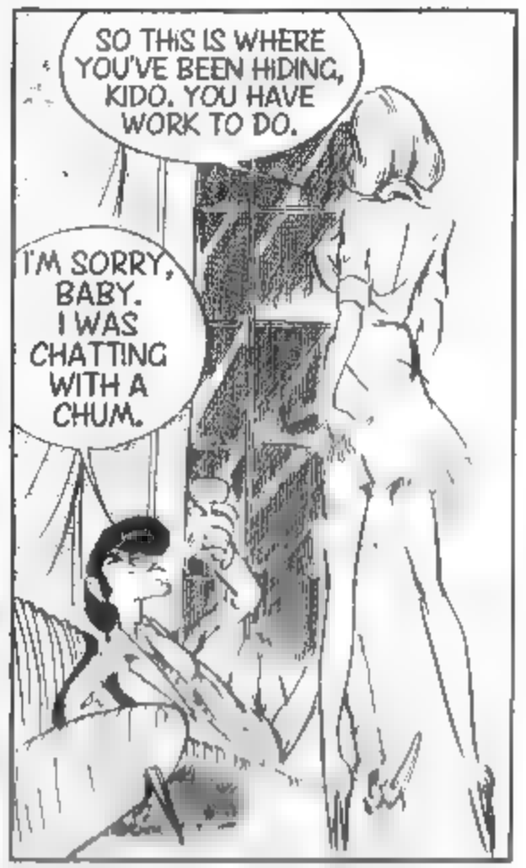

WHAT THIS SOIREE NEEDS IS A TOUCH OF FEMALE COMPANIONSHIP!

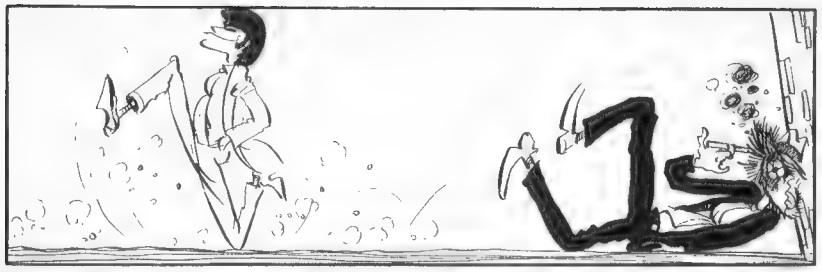
VOILA!

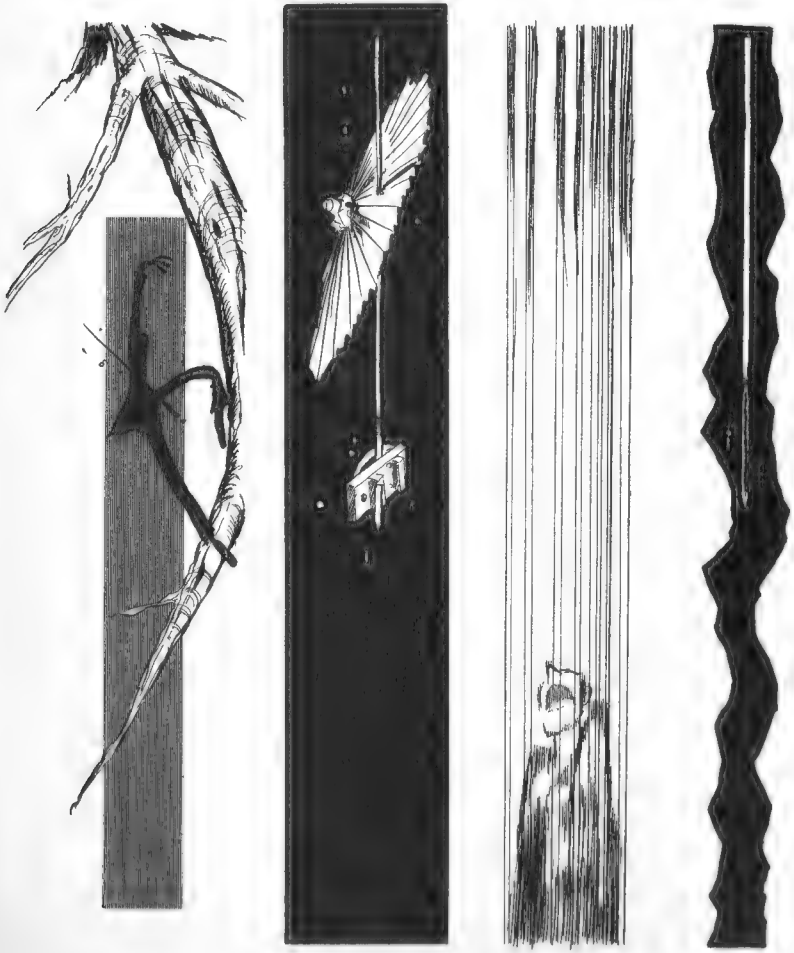
...ABOUT THIS MANGA!
THAT'S WHAT I LOVE...

LET ME INTRODUCE YOU TO MY FIANCÉ, FUJIKO MINE.

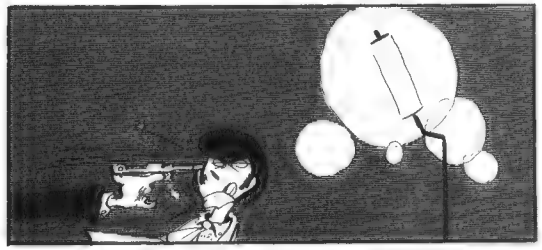
HIC-CUP.
DUTY CALLS.
YOU'RE LEAVING ?


SO THIS IS WHERE YOU'VE BEEN HIDING, KIDO. YOU HAVE WORK TO DO.
I'M SORRY, BABY. I WAS CHATTING WITH A CHUM.





THIS JOB TONIGHT IS CRITICAL!
KIDO! ARE YOU DRUNK?

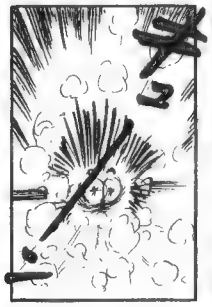


SO KIDO. WHEN DID YOU GET BACK IN TOWN?

JIGEN... I HAVEN'T SEEN YOU SINCE...

...SINCE YOU KILLED MY BROTHER AND RAN OUT OF THIS SHIT-HOLE COUNTRY!
THINK NOW ...

... HIC-CUP ...
I HAD A GREAT TIME ...
... HANGING OUT, HAVING A LARK.
...OLD FRIENDS ...
HA HA HA!

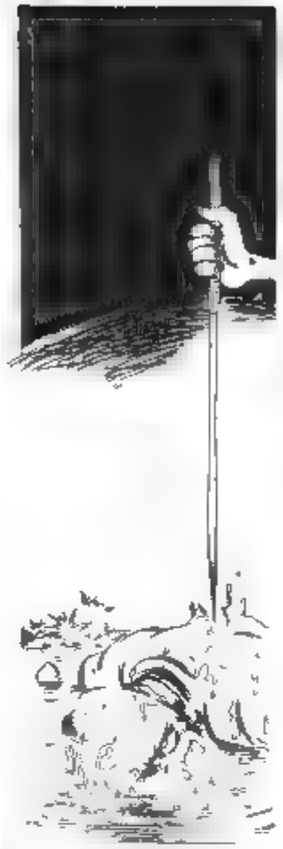


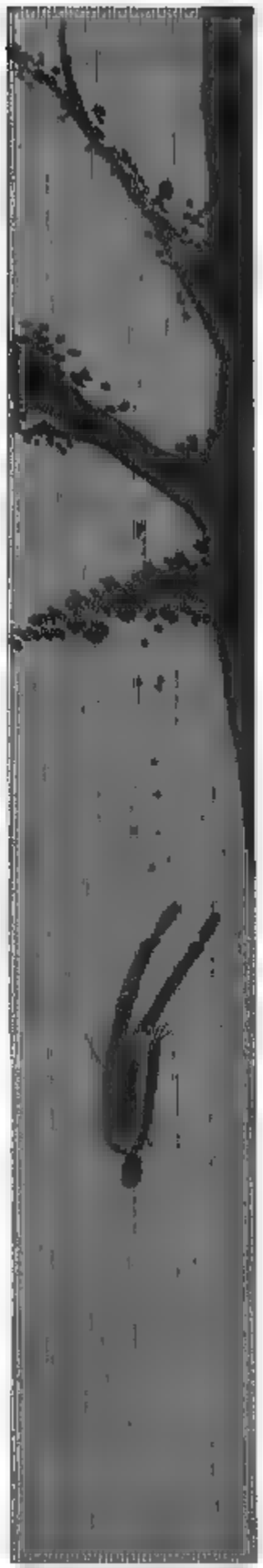
NOW YOU GET YOURS, BUB!

I'VE WAITED THREE YEARS FOR THIS!

OH NO!

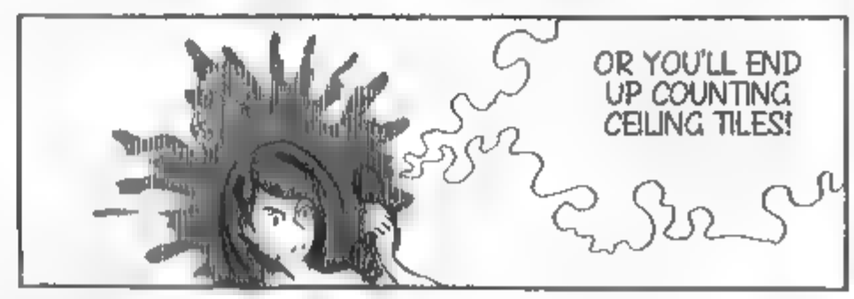
FUJIKO !!





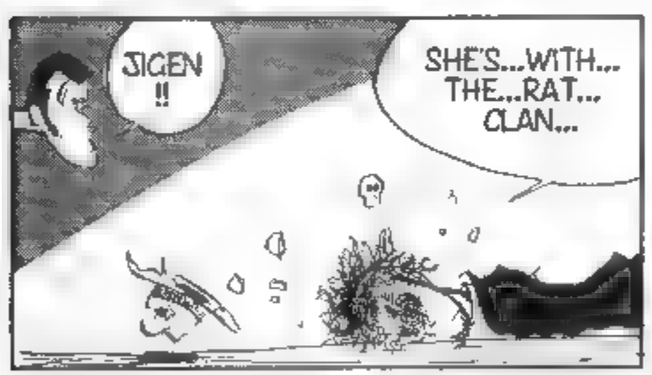
HANG UP THE PHONE!

STAY AWAY FROM LUPIN!

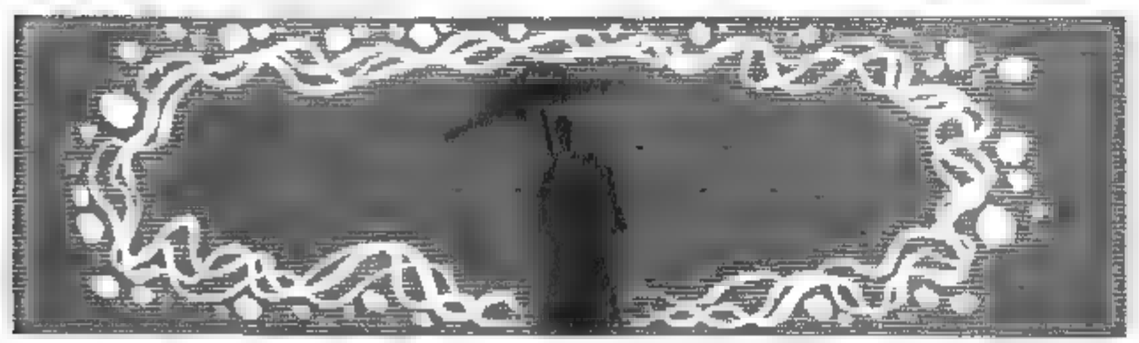

OR YOU'LL END UP COUNTING CEILING TILES!

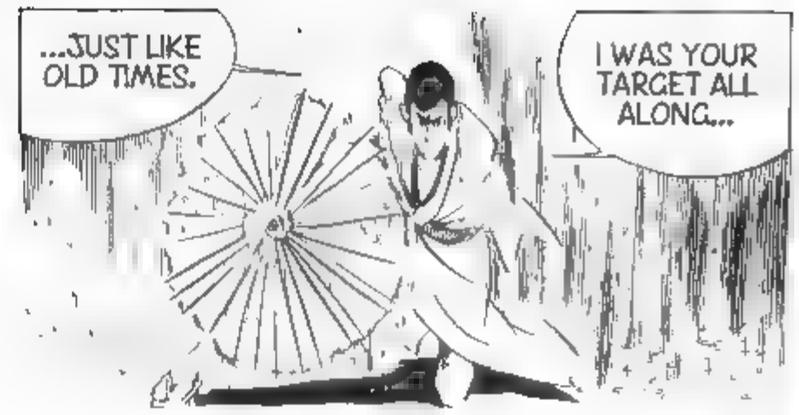
...SIX...SEVEN... EIGHT...NINE...

OH LUPIN!


JIGEN !!
SHE'S...WITH... THE...RAT... CLAN...

GET AWAY FROM THE BITCH!



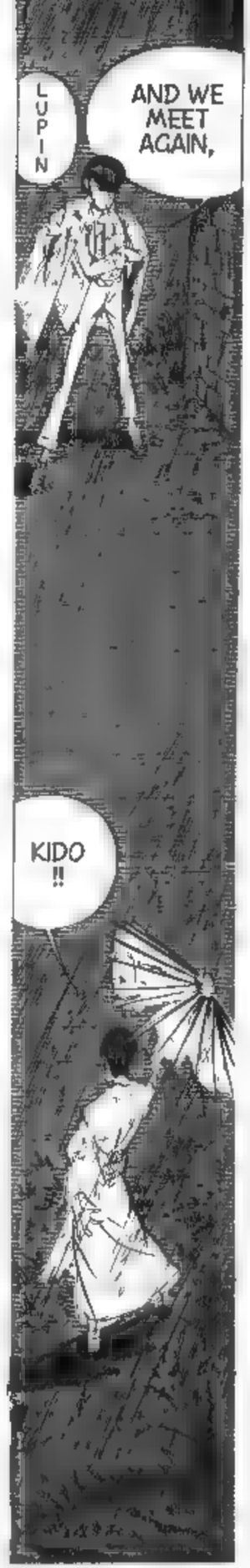

...JUST LIKE OLD TIMES.
I WAS YOUR TARGET ALL ALONG...

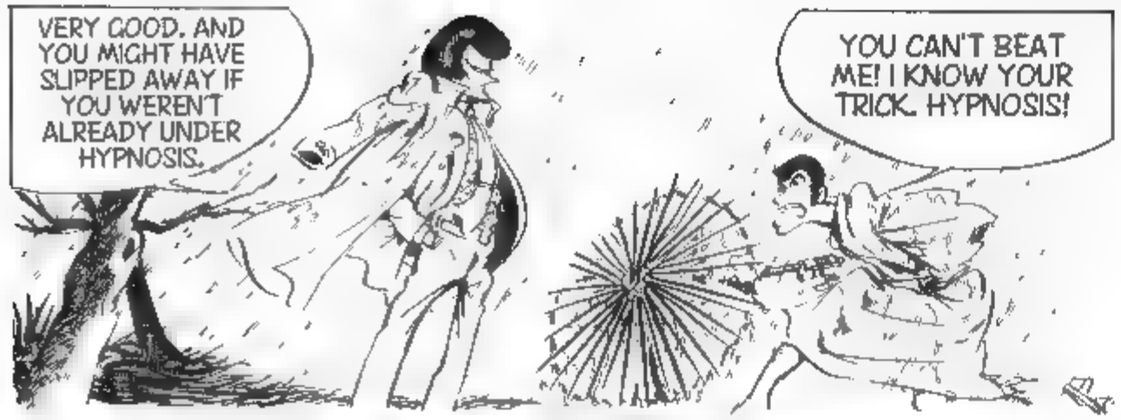
TELL JIGEN I'M SORRY ABOUT HIS FACE.

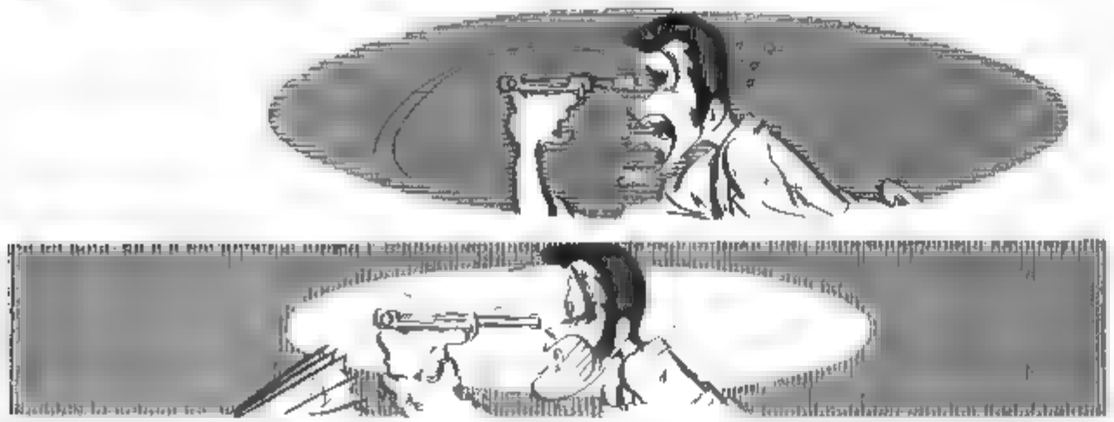
REALLY? I'M LOOKING FORWARD TO IT.

IT'S A SHAME ...
...TO HAVE TO KILL...
...AN OLD FRIEND.

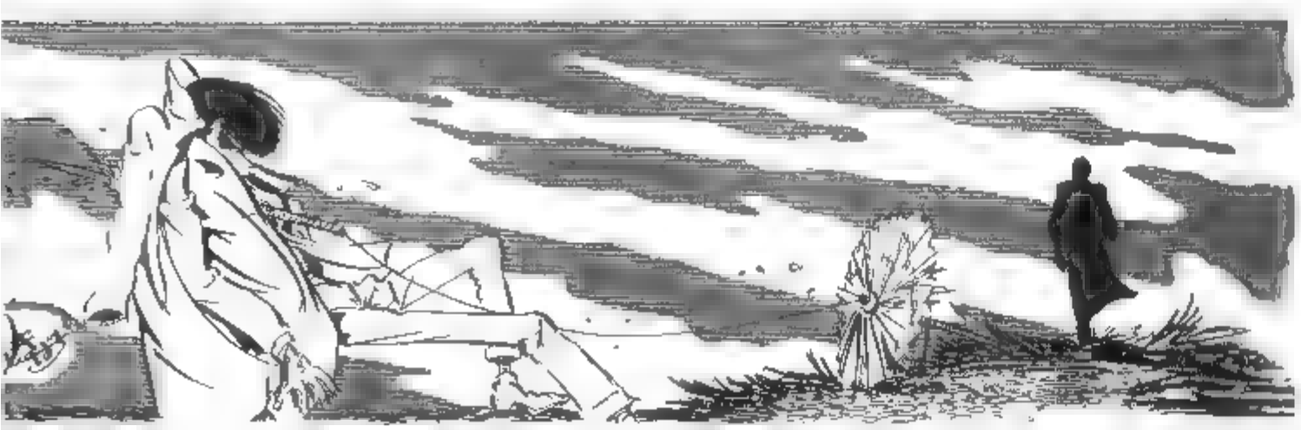
HE'S JUST GLAD...
...YOU DIDN'T SHOOT HIS HAT.


LUPIN
AND WE MEET AGAIN,
KIDO !!


VERY GOOD. AND YOU MIGHT HAVE SLIPPED AWAY IF YOU WEREN'T ALREADY UNDER HYPNOSIS.
YOU CAN'T BEAT ME! I KNOW YOUR TRICK. HYPNOSIS!



HYPNOTIZE *THAT*, OLD CHUM.
I INSTALLED A TIME TRIGGER ON THIS UMBRELLA. IT'S SET TO SHOOT IN THREE SECONDS.



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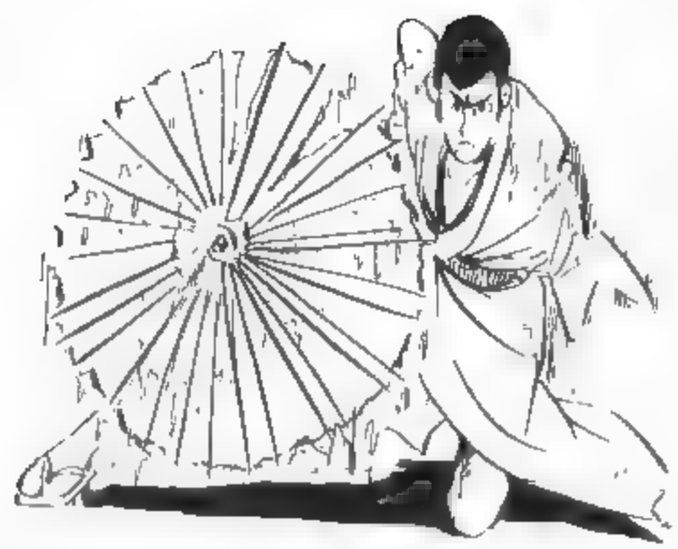
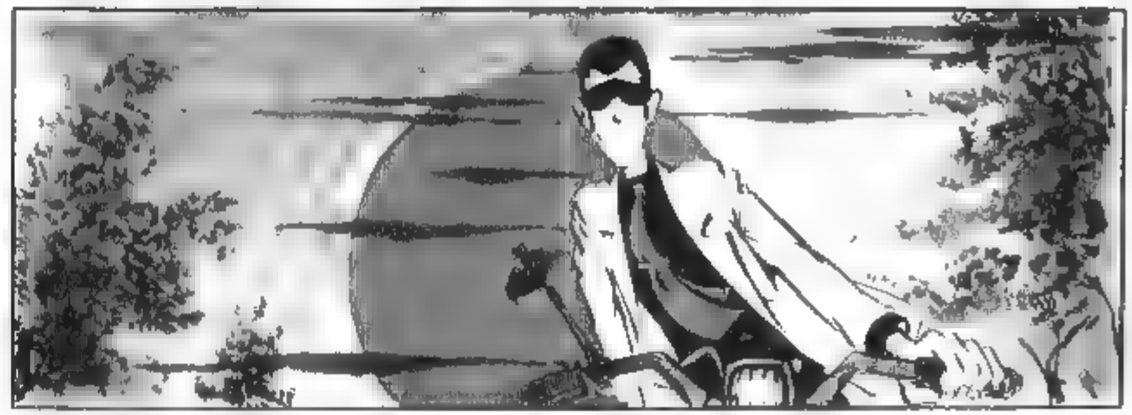
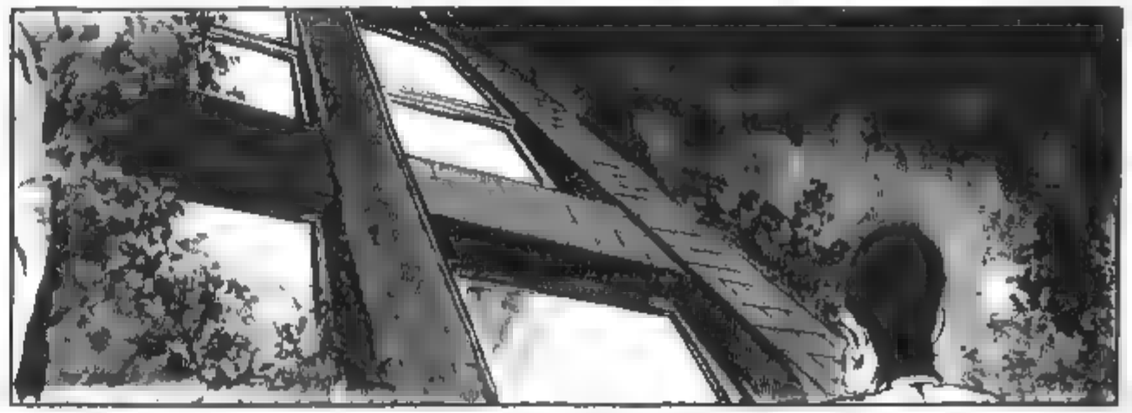
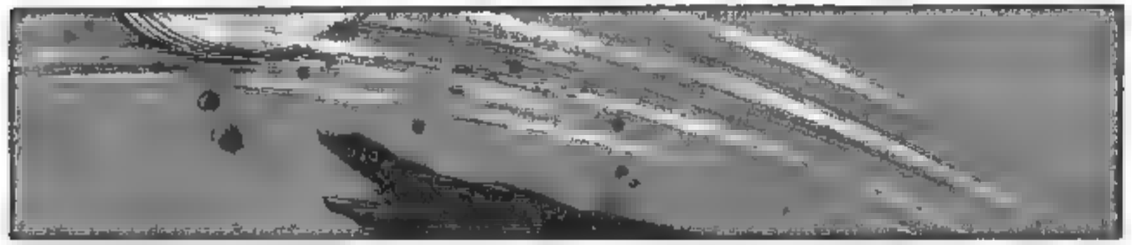
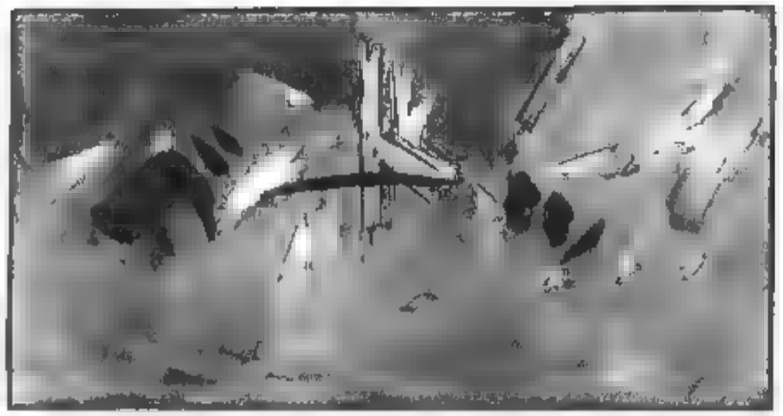


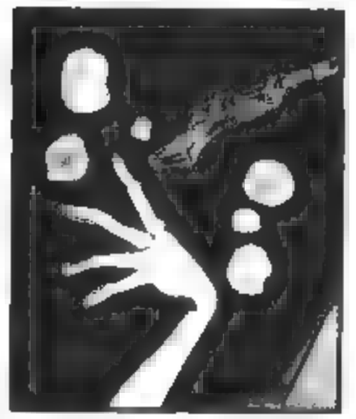


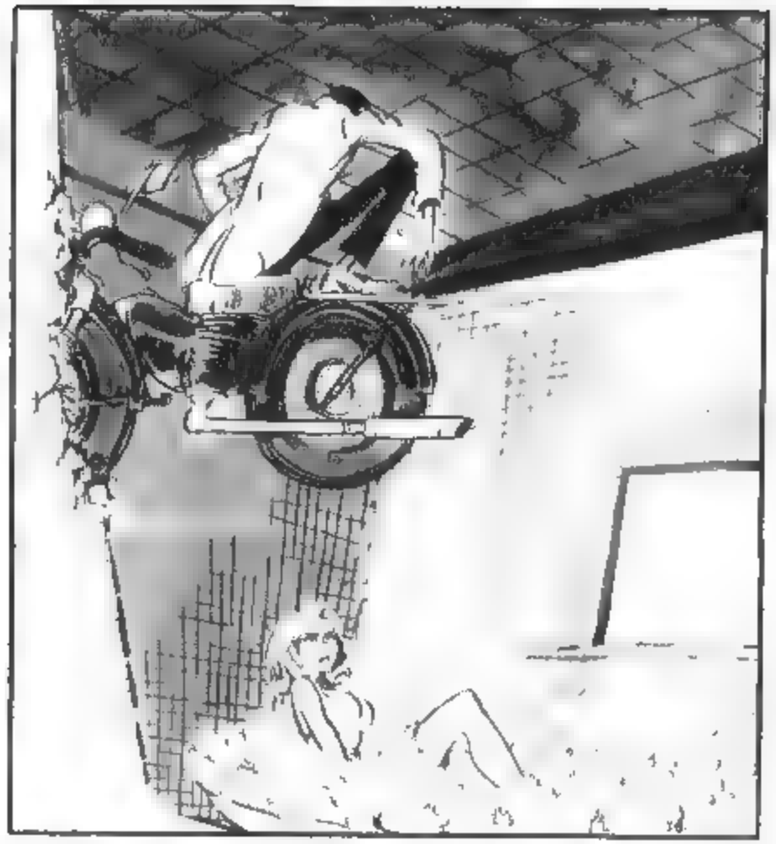


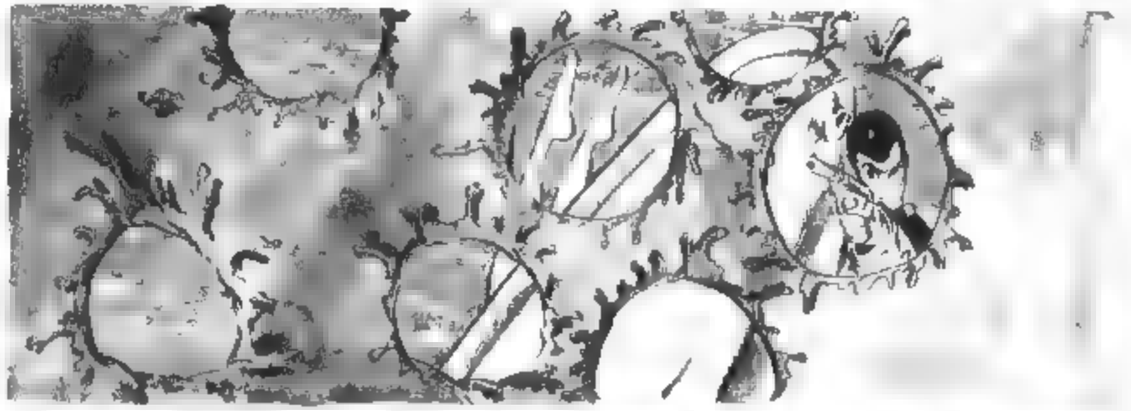
TIME FOR MY GRAND ENTRANCE.

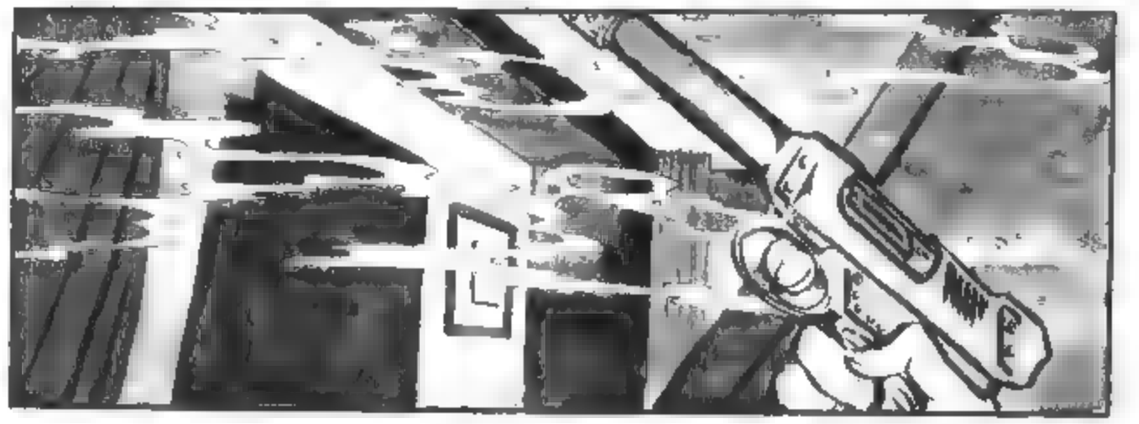


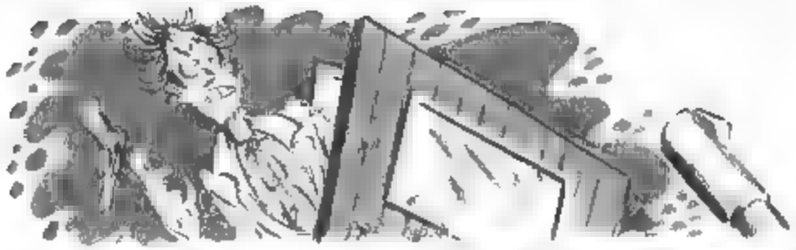












GUILTY.

YOU'RE LUPIN, AREN'T YOU?

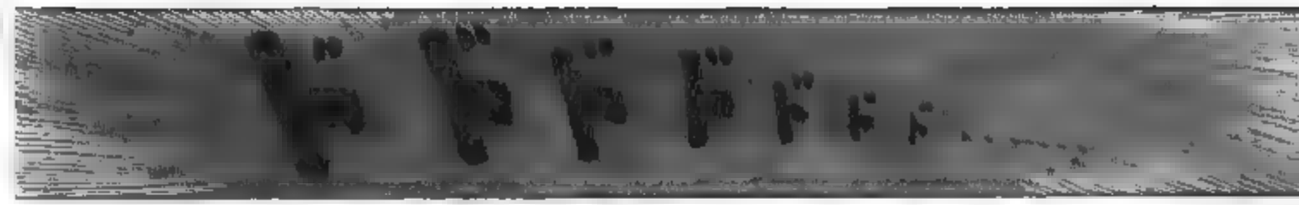
...AND YET...
YOU KNEW I WAS COMING...

...YOU ONLY HIRED ONE BODY-GUARD?!
YOU UNDERESTIMATE ME.

KISS AND MAKE UP.

MY TONGUE, OF COURSE.
WHAT DID YOU PUT IN MY MOUTH ?!
AND THIS.
COUGH COUGH
A CAPSULE BOMB.
...YOU DISOBEY ME!
...THE INSTANT...
...TO DETONATE ...
IT'S SET...

LET'S TEST IT OUT!
OH MY...
NO?
SIT ON MY LAP!
...A SIMPLE REQUEST.
...OVER SUCH...
I'D HATE TO SEE YOU EXPLODE ...



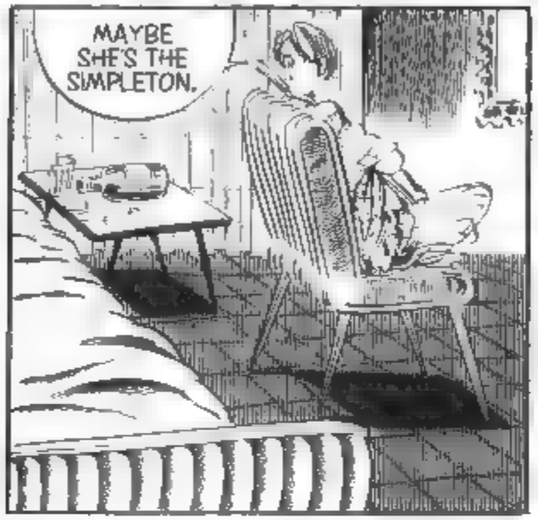
I SEE.

HE NEEDS THE WOMAN...

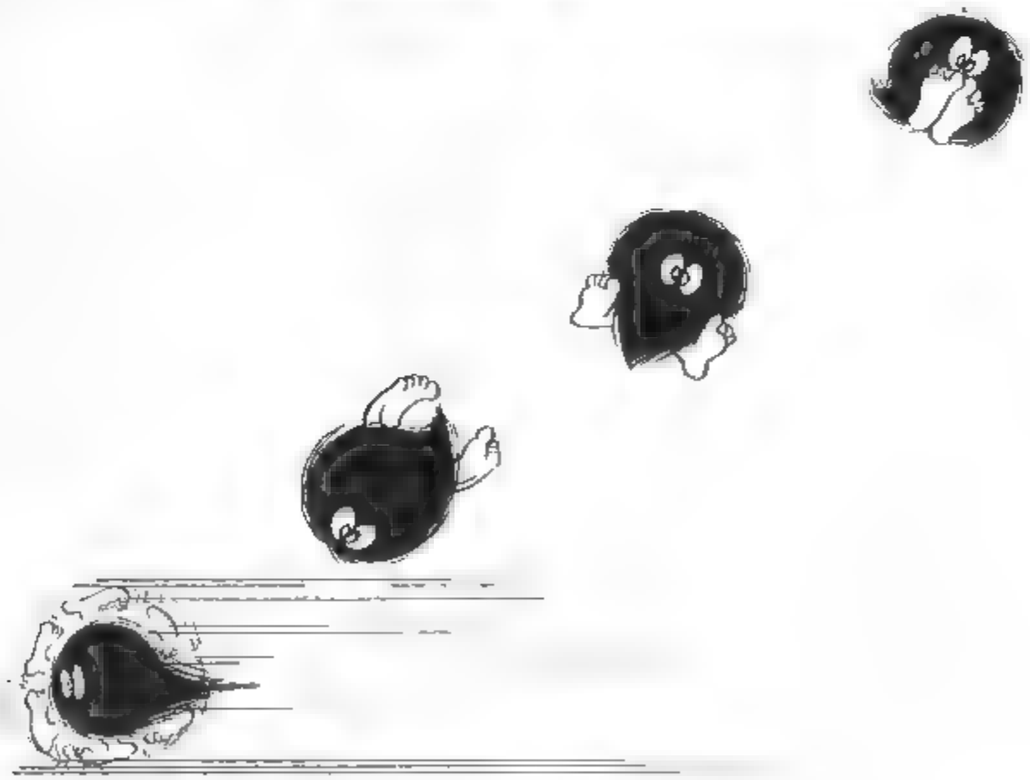
...TO GET INSIDE THE BUILDING.

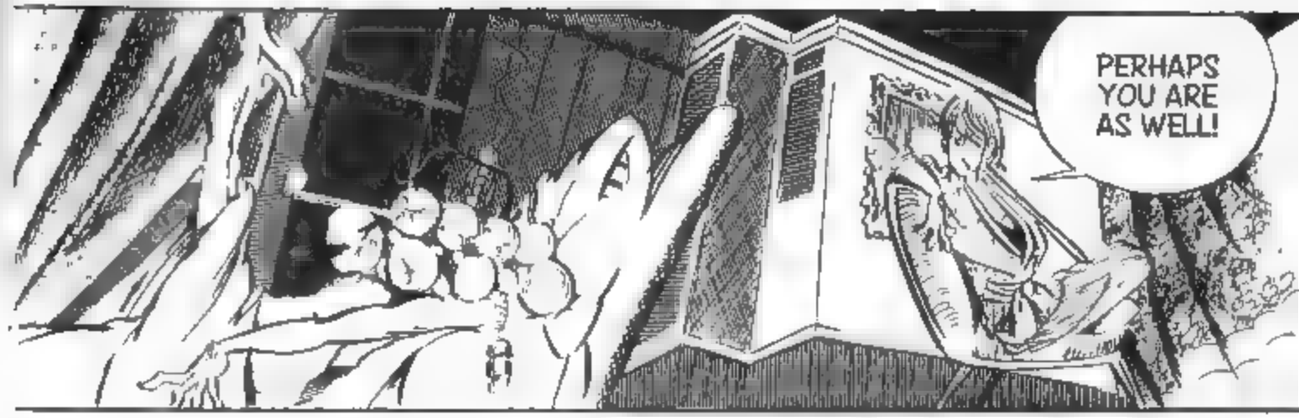
...OR A SIMPLETON ?
...A GENIUS ...
IS LUPIN ...
... JIGEN.
TELL ME...

THIS AIN'T NO BOMB. IT'S A SUGAR PILL! HE TRICKED HER!

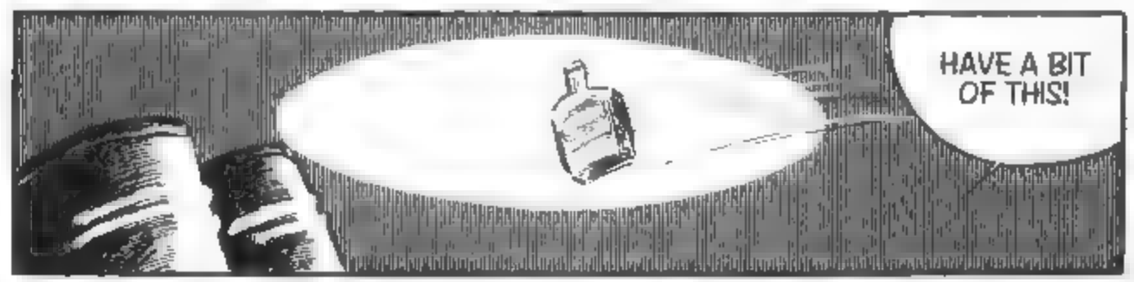

MAYBE SHE'S THE SIMPLETON.

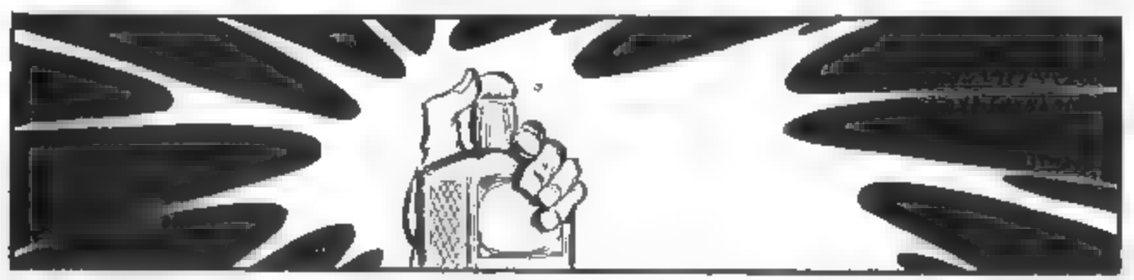
AND SHE FELL FOR IT?



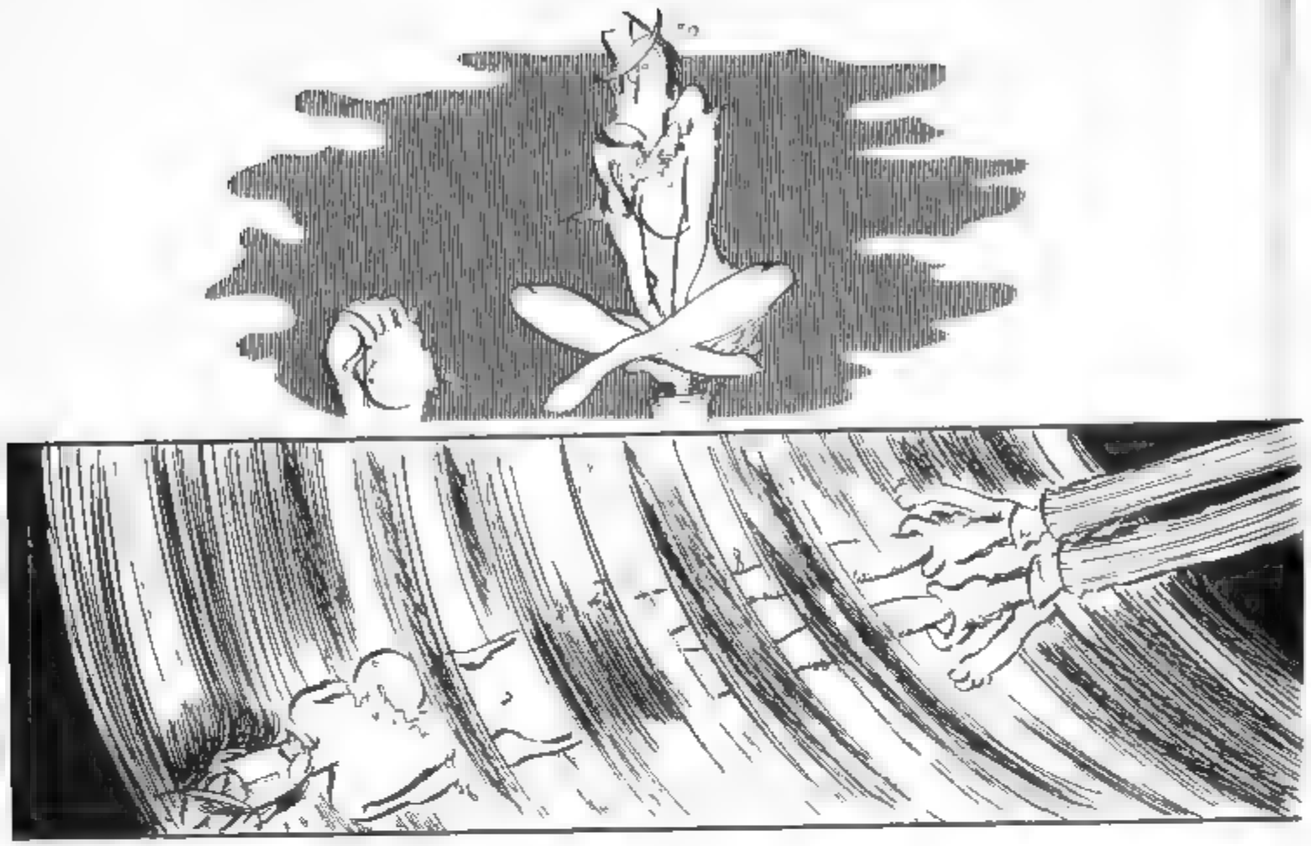

PERHAPS YOU ARE AS WELL!

DAMN! IT'S COLD OUT HERE!

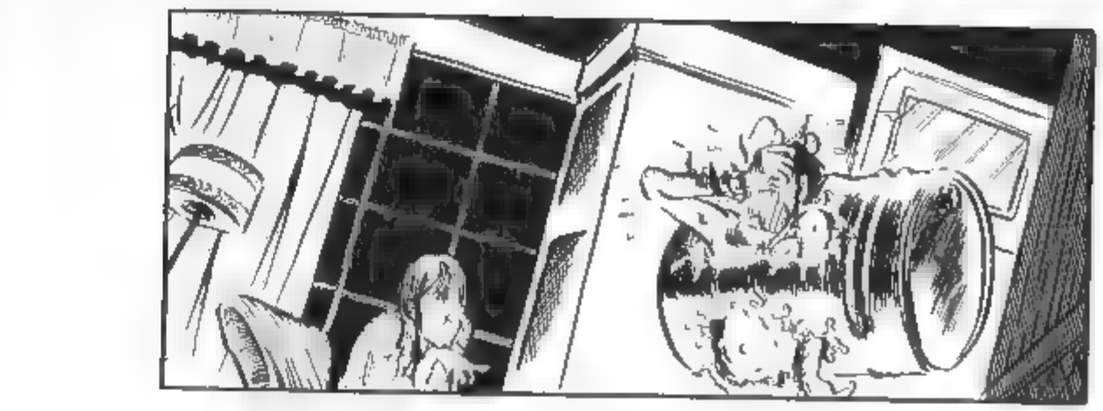

HAVE A BIT OF THIS!



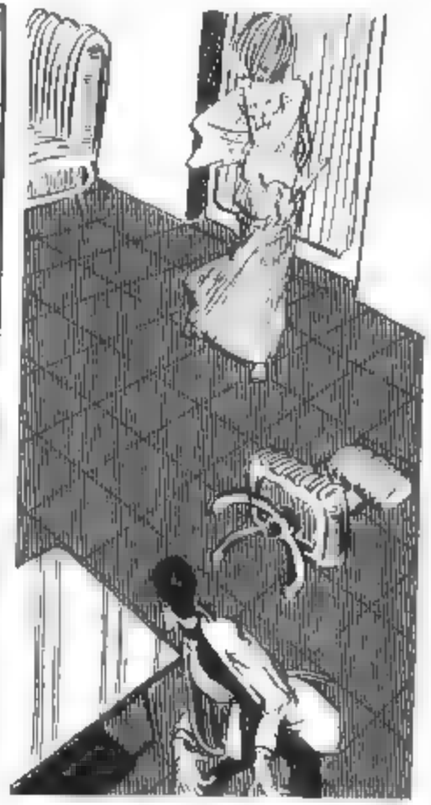
WATCH OUT !!

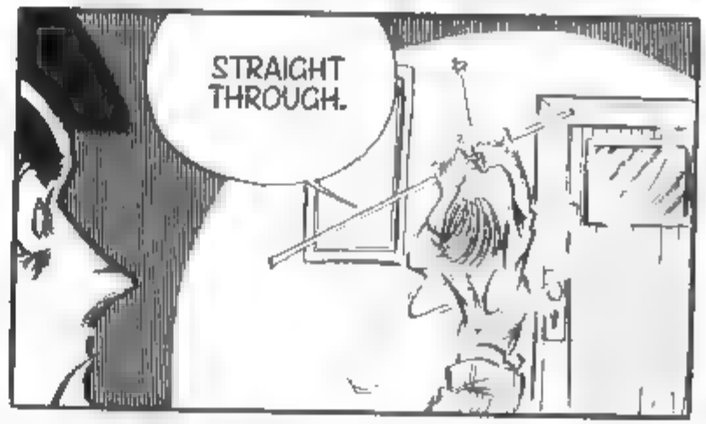


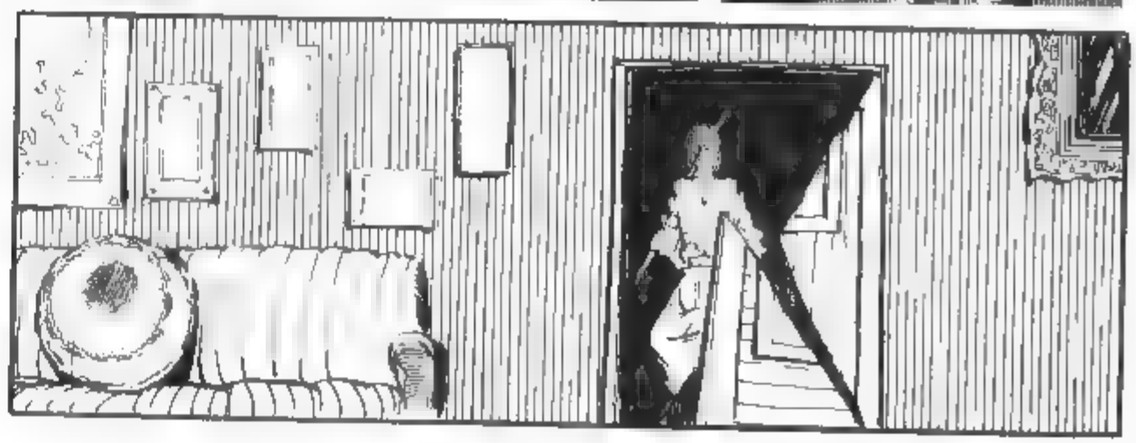
...BUT ...
I KNOW HE'S HORNY ...
...THE WOMAN.
WE NEED...
...NOBODY'S THAT HORNY!

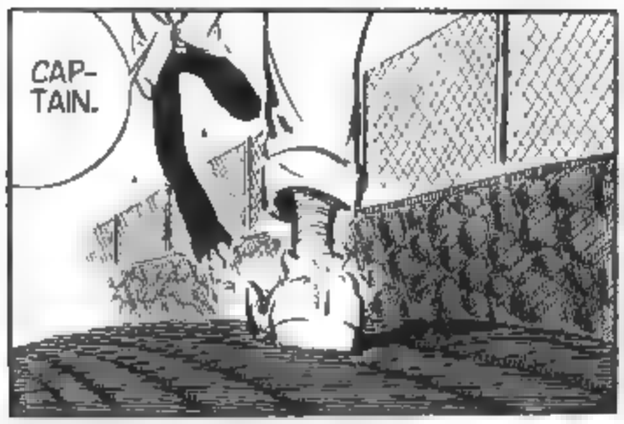


WHERE ARE YOU GOING ?




STRAIGHT THROUGH.

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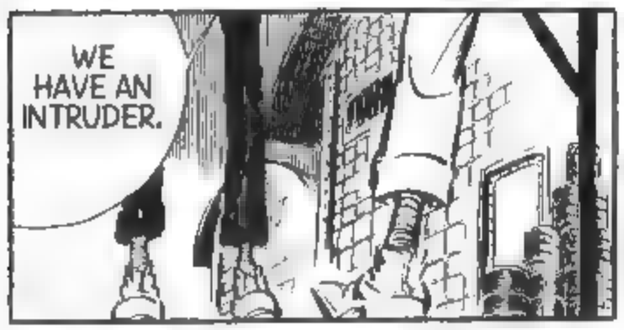
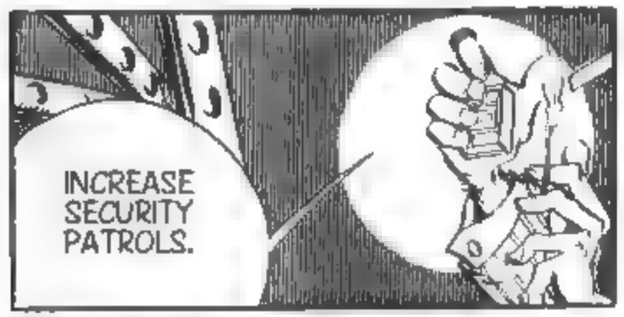
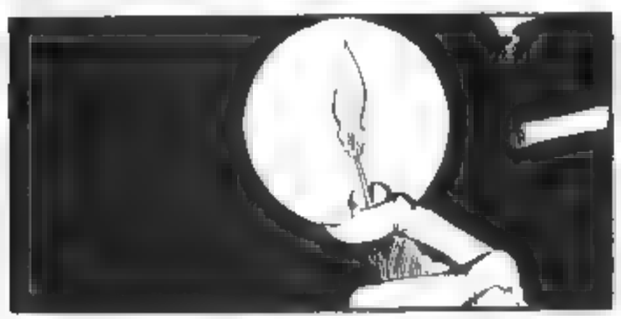
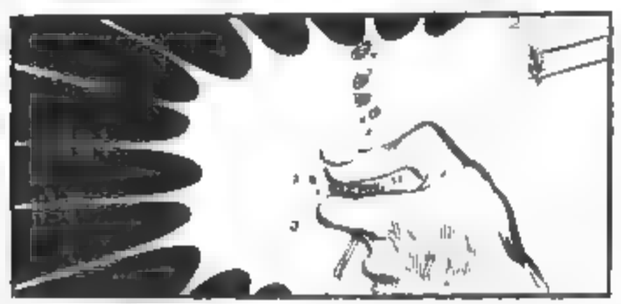
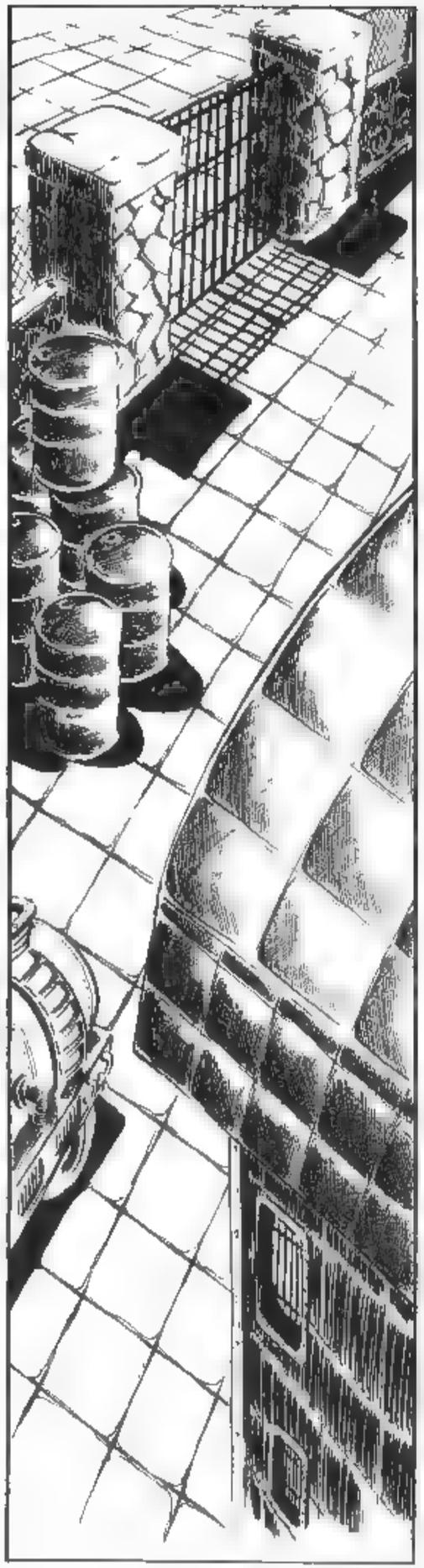
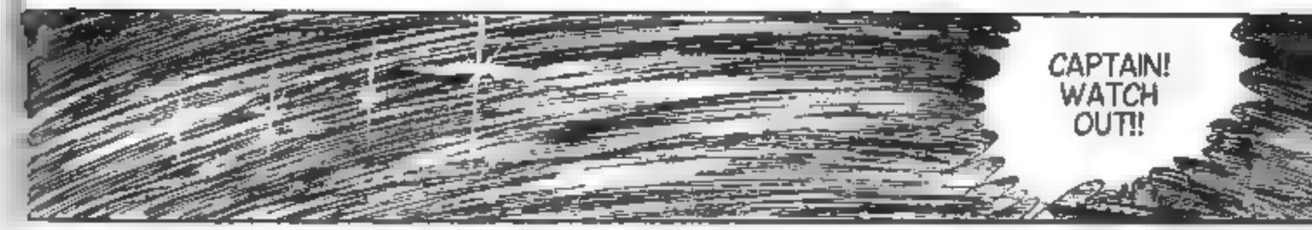

WE HAVE AN INTRUDER.

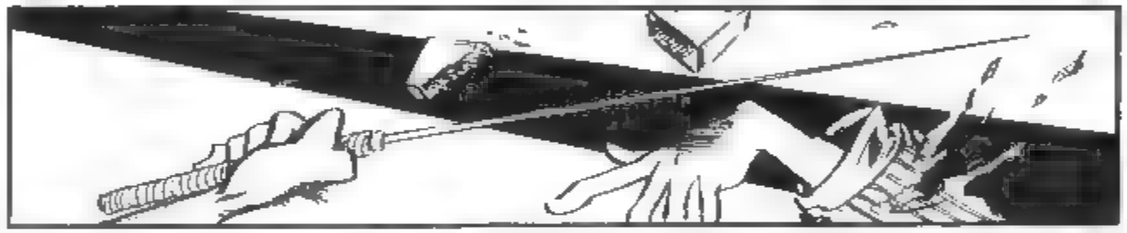

INCREASE SECURITY PATROLS.

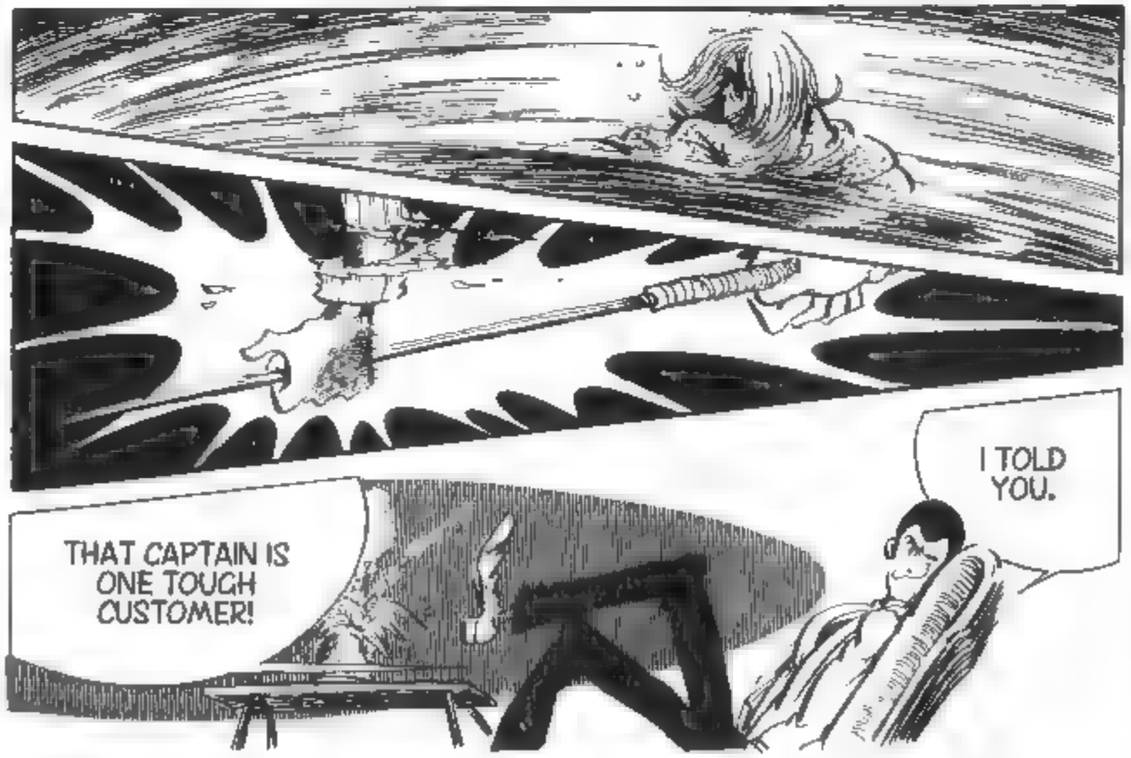




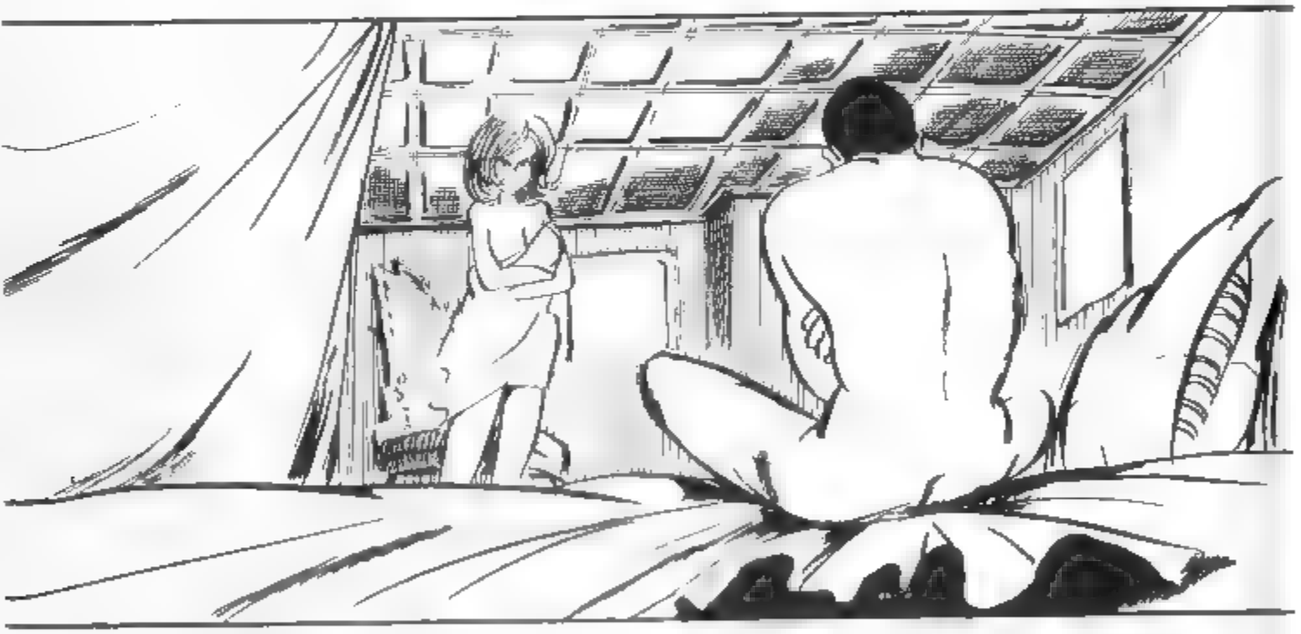



CAPTAIN! WATCH OUT!!




THAT CAPTAIN IS ONE TOUGH CUSTOMER!
I TOLD YOU.

...TO DO A WOMAN'S JOB.
NEVER SEND A MAN...



GOOD POINT.
YOU WANT ME TO JUST TELL YOU THAT?

...LIKE THOSE OTHER GOONS?
ARE YOU HERE TO KILL ME...

I SHOULD TELL YOU...
I'M UNDER CONTRACT ...
...WITH LUPIN.

I CHECKED YOUR BACKSIDE...
...EVERY THING LOOKS GOOD.

...WANT TO CHECK MY BACKGROUND ?
DON'T YOU...

NEVER HEARD OF HIM...
LUPIN?

YOU DON'T KNOW LUPIN?
YOU'RE THE SECURITY CAPTAIN.

...HE CERTAINLY KNOWS...YOU.

WELL...

BUT LUPIN IS PREPARED TO DEAL WITH YOU!

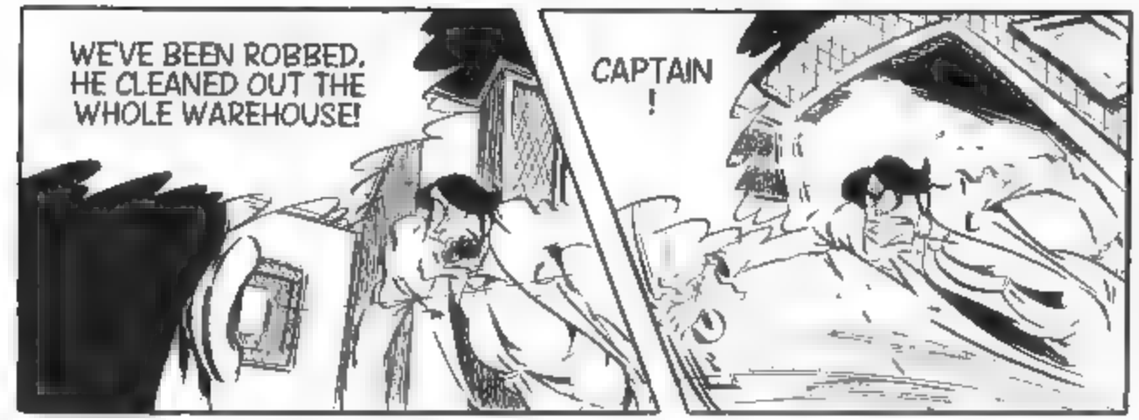
WHAT?!

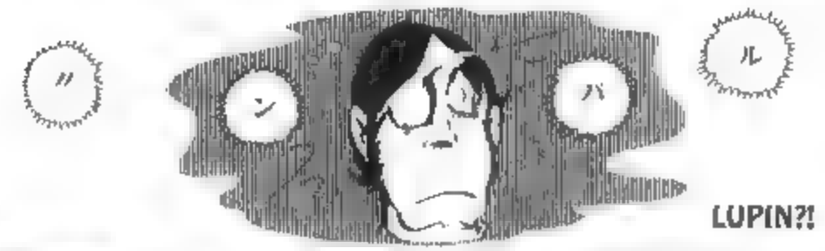
HA HA HA!

IF HE KNOWS ALL THAT, WHY DON'T HE DO SOMETHING?

AIN'T HE *THE GREAT* LUPIN?

YOU'RE HEAD OF SECURITY ...
... AT THE WARE-HOUSE.
YOU STOLE A SHIPMENT...
...OF ANTIQUES ...
...AND NOW YOU'RE ...
...TRYING TO PIN IT ON LUPIN!


WE'VE BEEN ROBBED. HE CLEANED OUT THE WHOLE WAREHOUSE!
CAPTAIN !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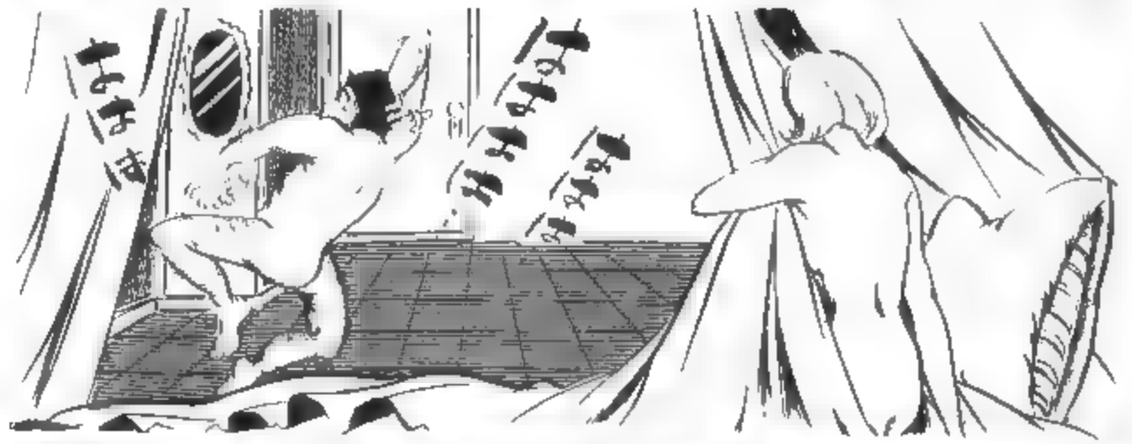
LUPIN?!

HE ALWAYS HAS A PLAN.

THAT'S *THE GREAT* LUPIN FOR YOU!



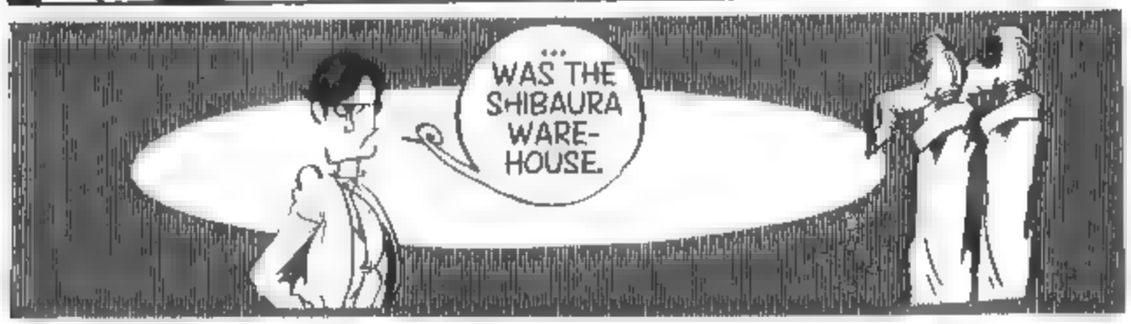
SORRY, BUT THIS WILL HAVE TO WAIT.

WHAT ?!
LET'S LOAD THE REAL CRATES ONTO THE SHIP!

ALL LUPIN GOT WAS A WAREHOUSE FULL OF ROCKS!

?
THE ACTUAL SHIPMENT IS IN SHIBAURA, 10 KILOMETERS FROM HERE.

BUT THE ONE THAT GOT HIT...

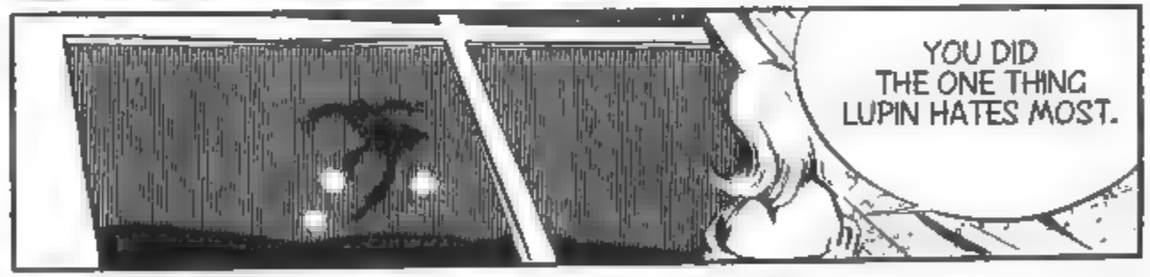

...WAS THE SHIBAURA WARE-HOUSE.

HM? WHAT'S THAT SOUND?

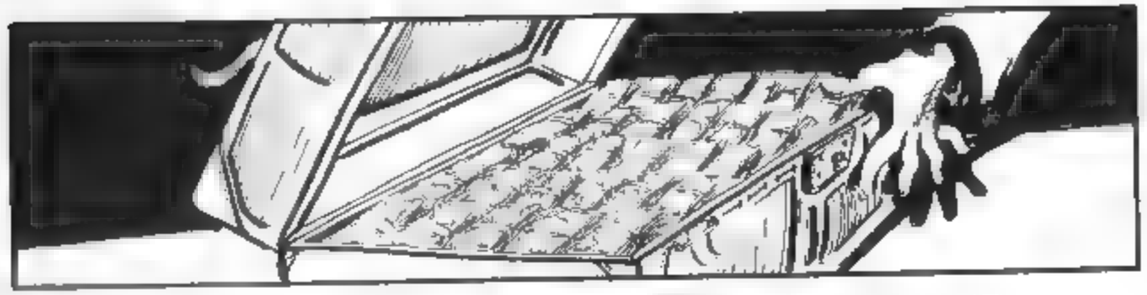
WHERE DID HE TAKE MY GOODS?!

I SLIPPED IT INTO YOUR MOUTH WHEN I WAS TASTING YOUR LUNCH.
A TINY CAPSULE BOMB.

LIKE I SAID. HE *ALWAYS* HAS A PLAN.


YOU DID THE ONE THING LUPIN HATES MOST.

PINNED HIM FOR A CRIME HE *DIDN'T* COMMIT!

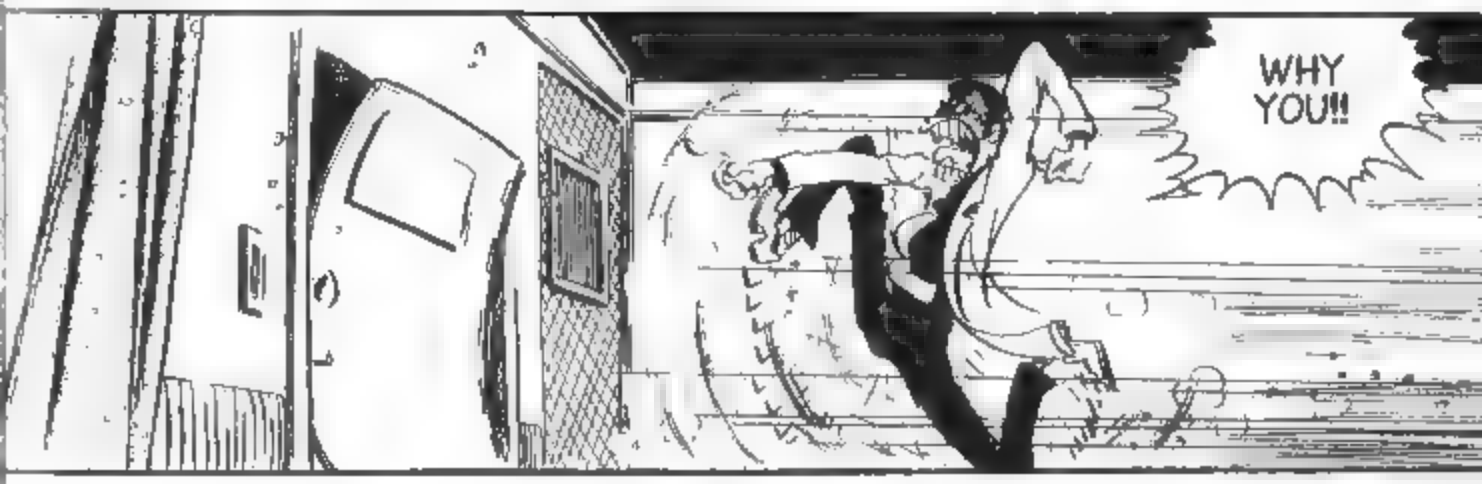


HERE'S YOUR CUT.
GOOD WORK.

I'M SO HAPPY!

HEY! WHAT DID YOU PUT IN MY MOUTH?!

HOPE YOU DON'T MIND, I'M TAKING ALL THE MONEY. TA TA.
I'LL GIVE YOU THREE GUESSES.


WHY YOU!!

HE TOOK A SHIT-LOAD OF LAXATIVE.
THEN WHAT?

YUP.
YOU MEAN IT WENT OFF?!

EVERYTHING CAME OUT FINE IN THE END...*HIS* END.

CHAPTER 73

"THE THINK SYSTEM"

LOOKS LIKE A JOB FOR MY BLADE.

NOT THIS TIME.

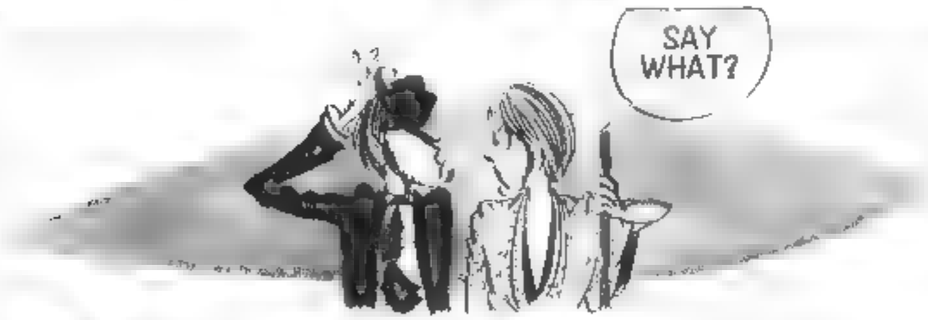
HOW ABOUT MY PISTOL?

WHIP IT.

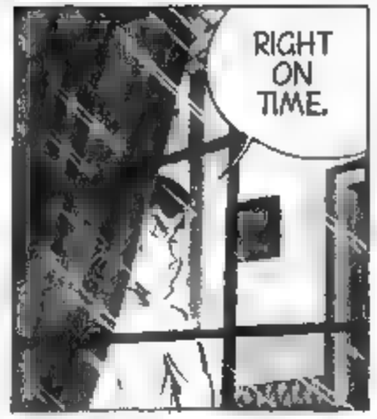
I AIN'T FIGHTING NOTHING WITHOUT MY HAT!
MY HAIR ?

TRY USING THIS.

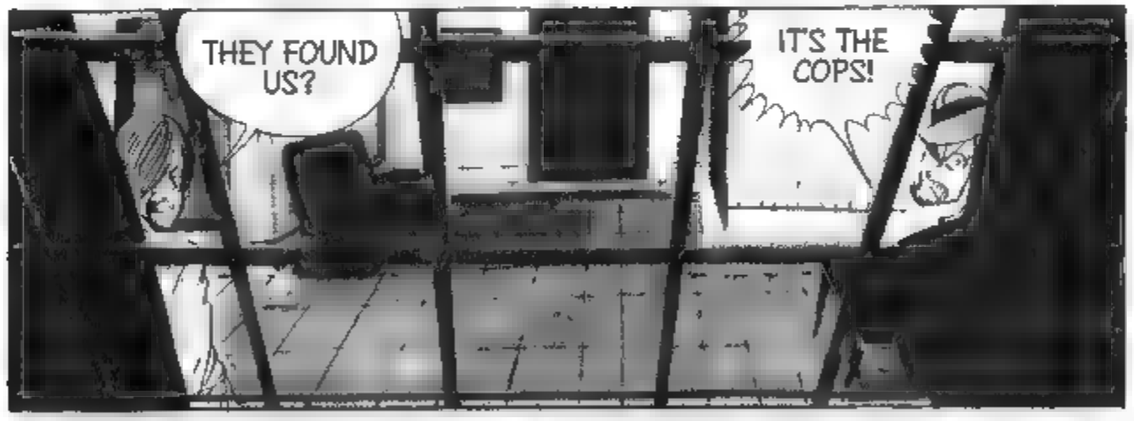
...IS THE ULTIMATE WEAPON.
THE MIND...
... PRIMATES.
YOUR HEADS ...

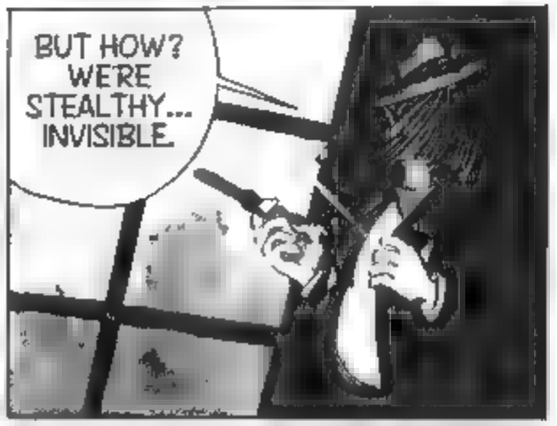

SAY WHAT?

NON-PROFIT.
WHAT TYPE OF JOB IS THIS?


RIGHT ON TIME.

WHAT ?!

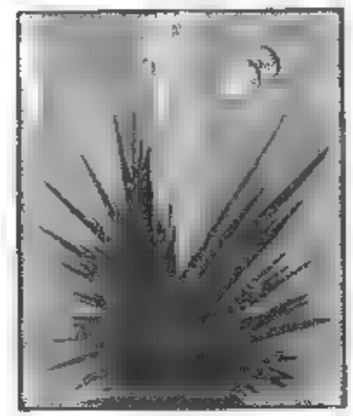

THEY FOUND US?
IT'S THE COPS!


BUT HOW? WE'RE STEALTHY... INVISIBLE.

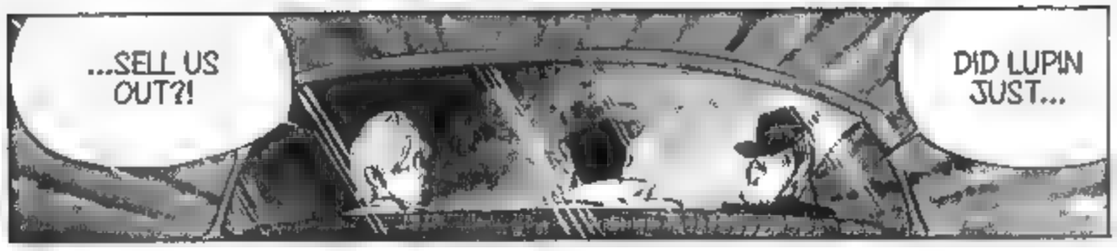
...WITH AN INVITATION.
I SENT THEM A MAP ...

BUT I NEED TO PLACE YOU IN THE CARE OF THE COPS FOR A SPELL.
SORRY, CHUMS.

NEVER! GOEMON CANNOT BE TAKEN ALIVE!

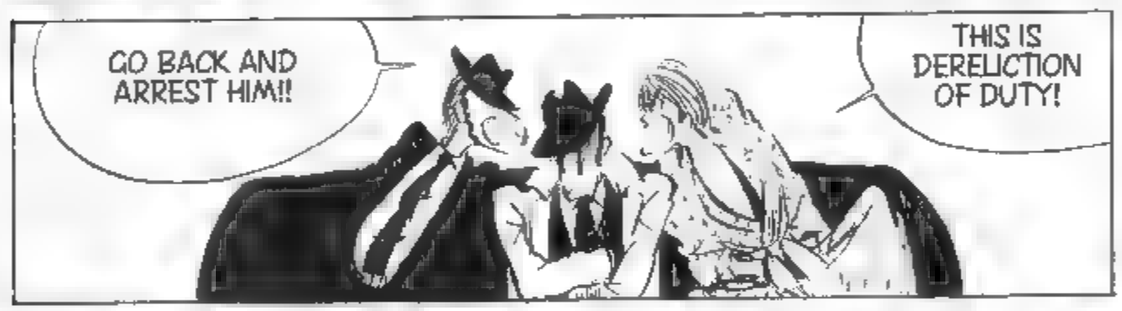


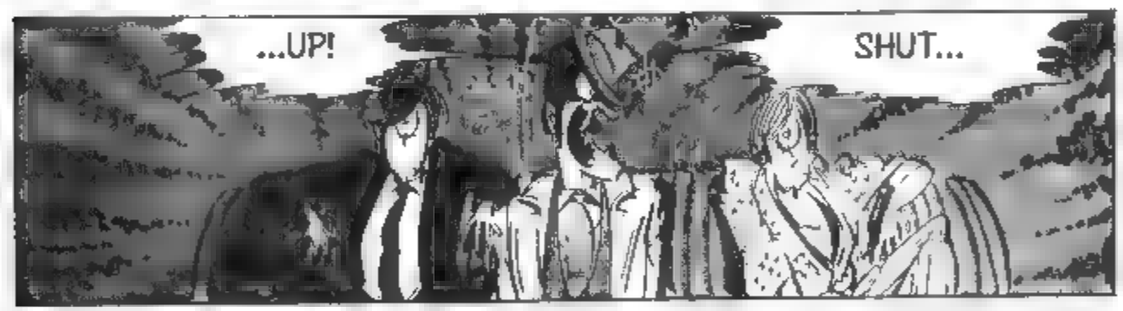
...QUIETLY.
...TO GO ...
...IT IS SMART ...
OFTEN...


...SELL US OUT?!
DID LUPIN JUST...

YOU'VE BEEN AFTER HIM FOR YEARS!

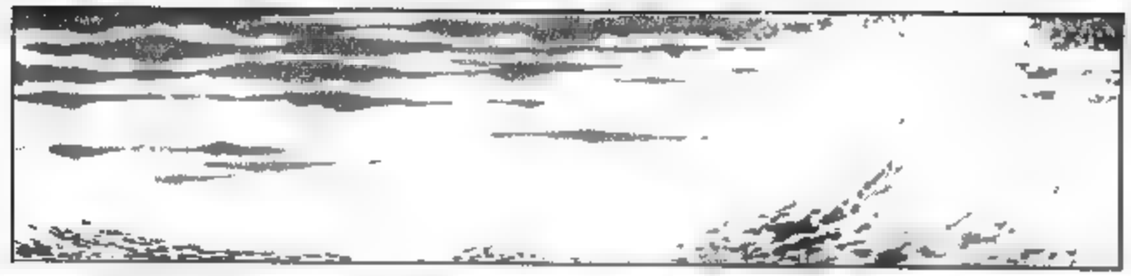
YOU CAN'T TAKE *US* AND LEAVE *LUPIN*!
ZENIGATA! EXPLAIN!

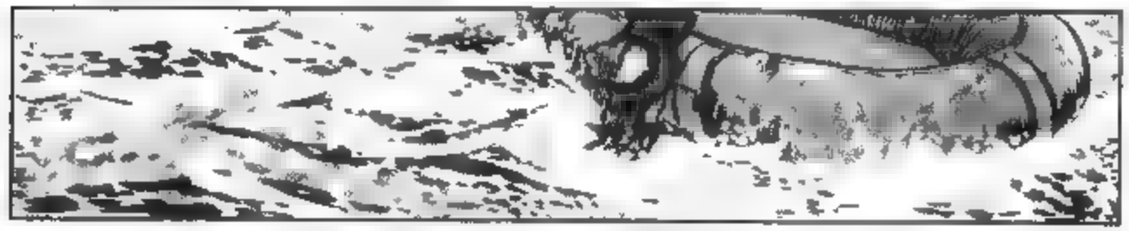

GO BACK AND ARREST HIM!!
THIS IS DERELICTION OF DUTY!

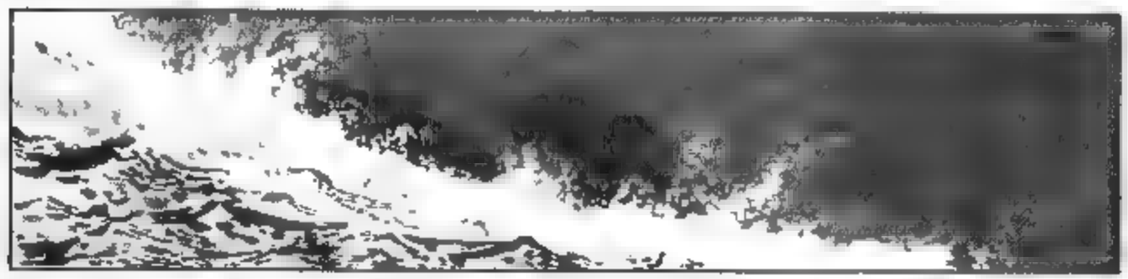

...UP!
SHUT...

I DO THE SCREAMING AROUND HERE!

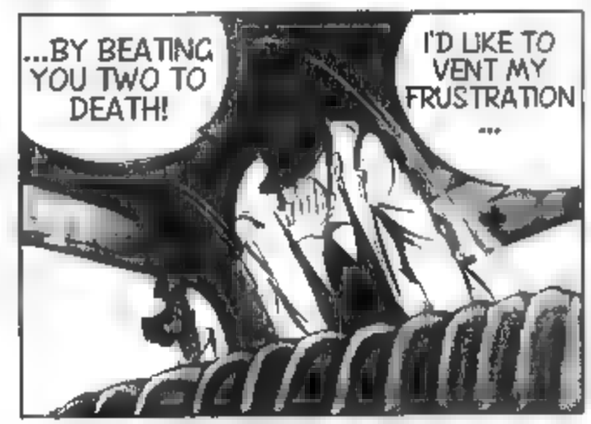
THE BAD HALF!
I'VE CHASED LUPIN FOR HALF MY LIFE!

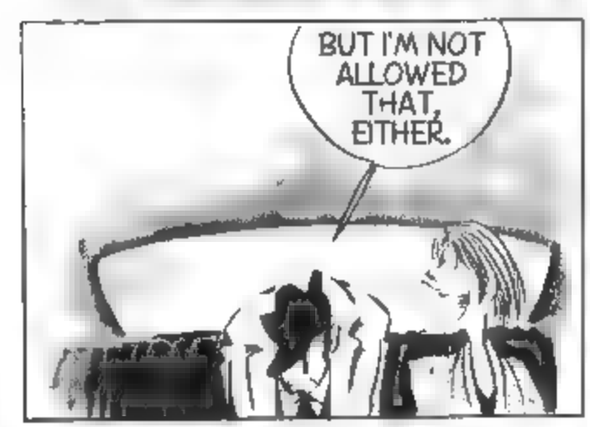






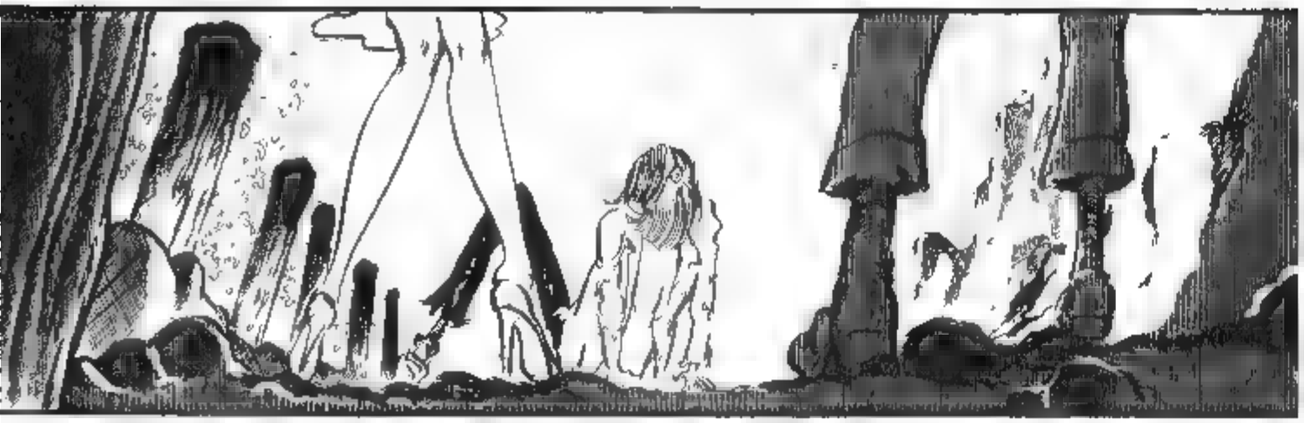
DO YOU KNOW HOW BAD THAT'S EATING ME UP?!


...BY BEATING YOU TWO TO DEATH!
I'D LIKE TO VENT MY FRUSTRATION ...


BUT I'M NOT ALLOWED THAT, EITHER.

GRRRRR ....

AND THE ONE TIME I HAVE HIM ...
...RIGHT THERE IN FRONT OF ME...
...I HAVE TO LET HIM GO!



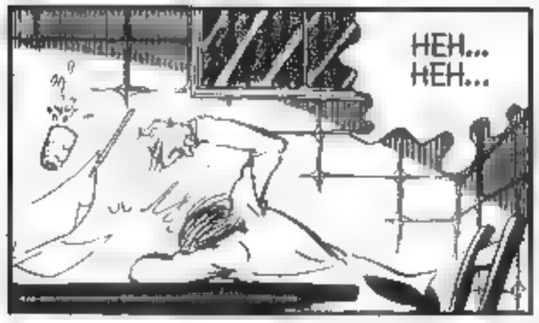
DON'T JUST STAND THERE. CONGRATULATE ME!
OH, IT'S YOU TWO...

WAIT ...!

IT WASN'T EASY...
...GETTING BACK HERE.

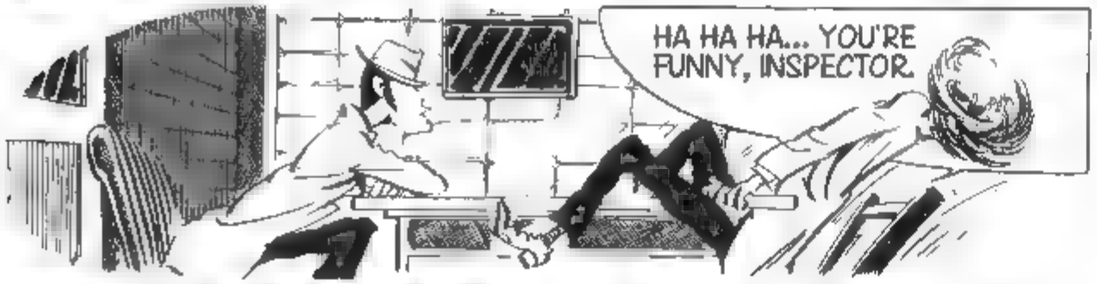
IF YOU'RE ONE OF US, WHERE'S YOUR BADGE?

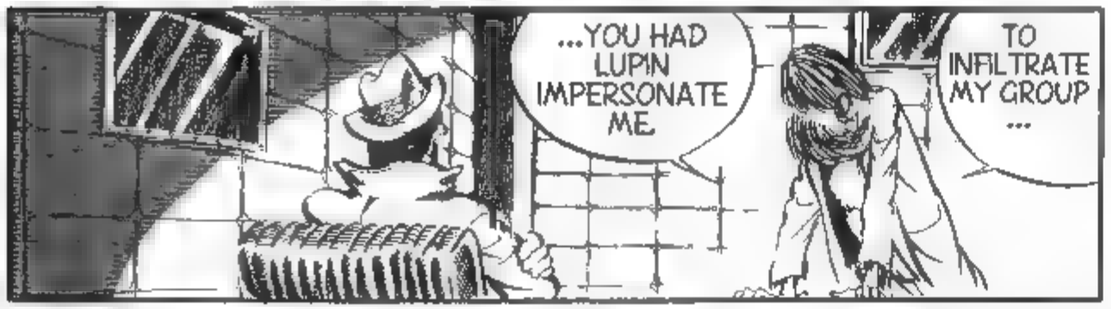
BADGE ...?!


HEH... HEH...

HEH HEH...

HA HA HA HA HA!
HA HA HA HA HA!


HA HA HA... YOU'RE FUNNY, INSPECTOR.


...YOU HAD LUPIN IMPERSONATE ME.
TO INFILTRATE MY GROUP ...

...ON YOUNG ISLAND?
AND LAND...

SEEMED LIKE A GOOD IDEA.

THEY'LL FOOL YOUR PEOPLE TOO.

HIS DISGUISES FOOL THE COPS.

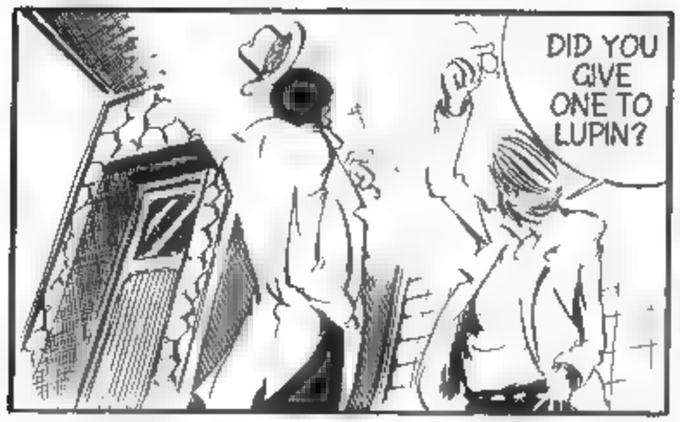
THE COPS ARE SO INEPT...

I SEE.

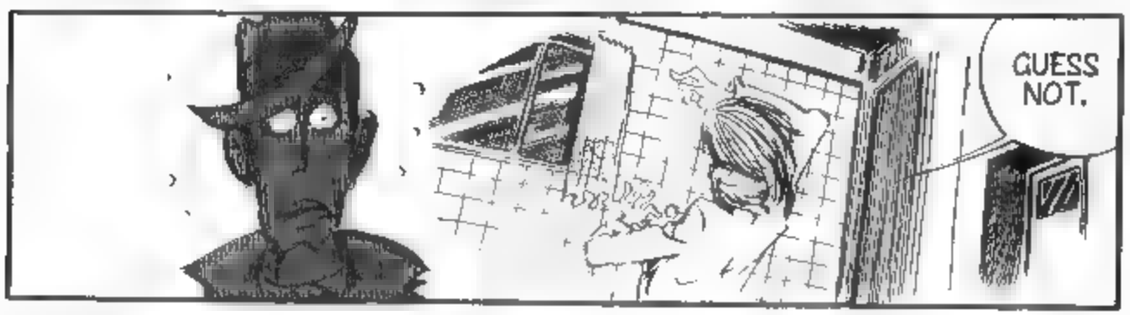
...THEY HAVE TO HIRE CRIMINALS !

BUT YOU FORGOT ONE THING.

A BADGE !!


DID YOU GIVE ONE TO LUPIN?

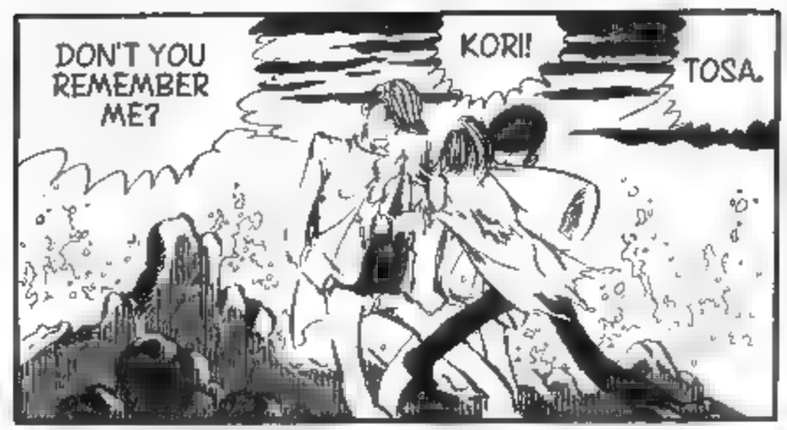
EVERYONE IN THE MOVEMENT CARRIES THE BADGE.


GUESS NOT.

FUJIKO !
COME ON...

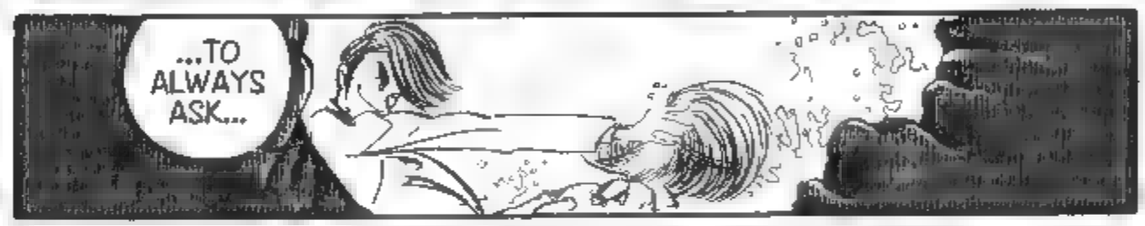
I'M GONE A FEW MONTHS, AND YOU FORGET ME?!

WHERE'S YOUR BADGE?

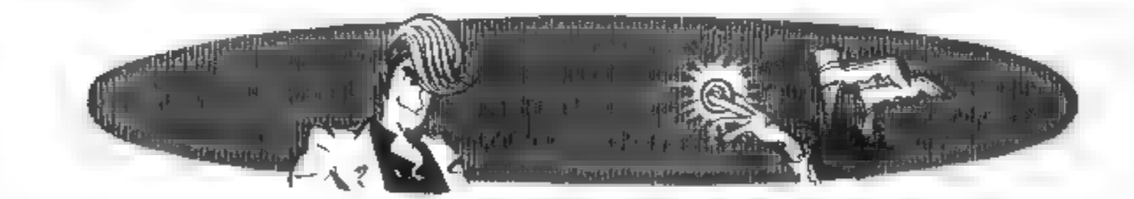

DON'T YOU REMEMBER ME?
KORI!
TOSA.

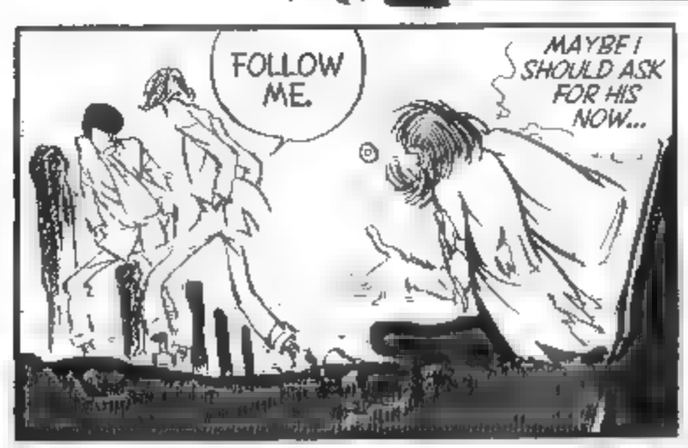
IT'S ME, SHIBA.

I REMEMBER ...


...TO ALWAYS ASK...

...FOR THE BADGE ...!




FOLLOW ME.
MAYBE I SHOULD ASK FOR HIS NOW...

HA HA. SORRY, SHIBA. IT'S PROTOCOL.

AND TAKE BACK THIS FILTHY BADGE, TOO!

YOU FOLLOW ME!

WAIT, KORI.
I'M THE LEADER.
...!!

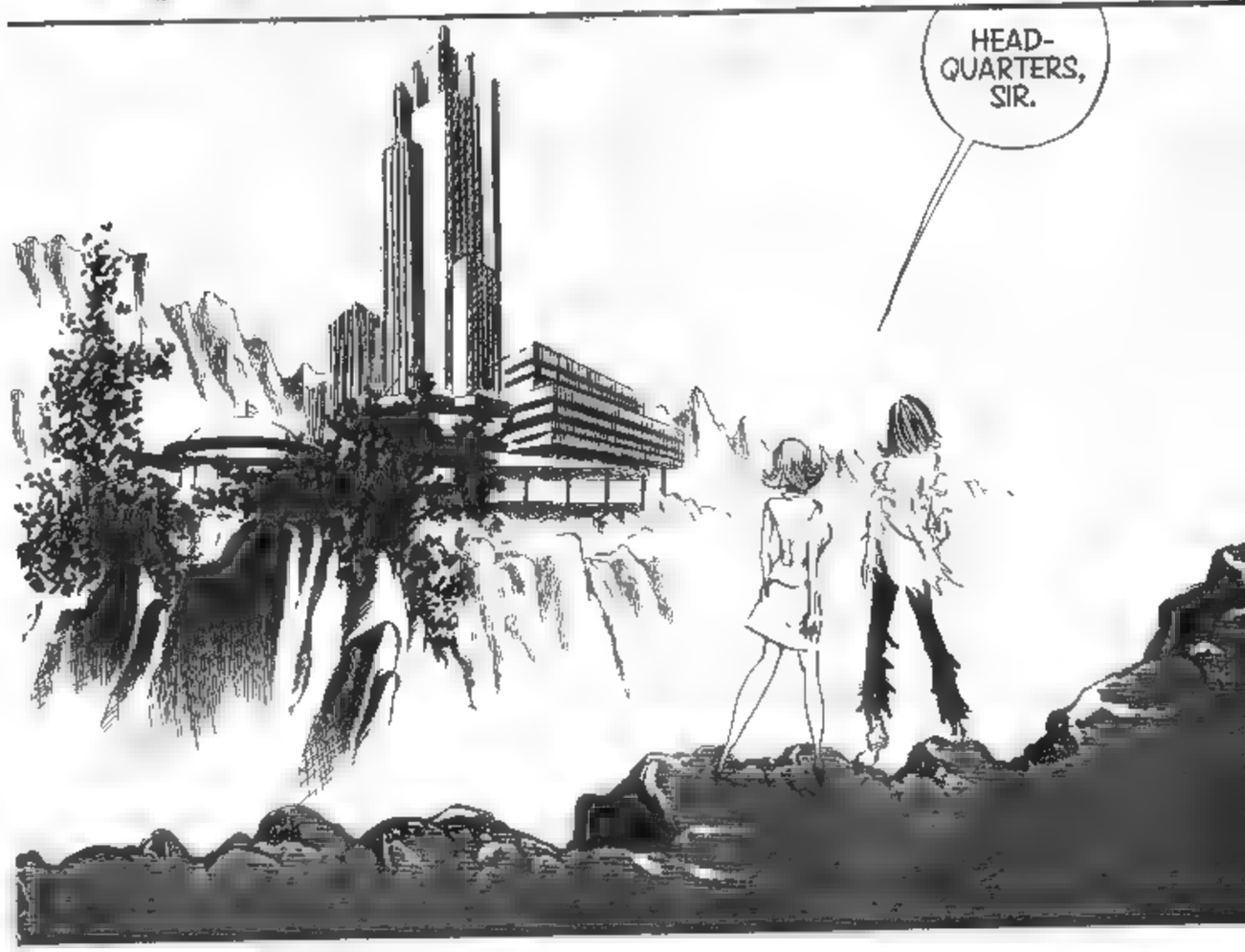
WE'VE ALL MISSED YOU, SIR.
HOW IS EVERYONE?

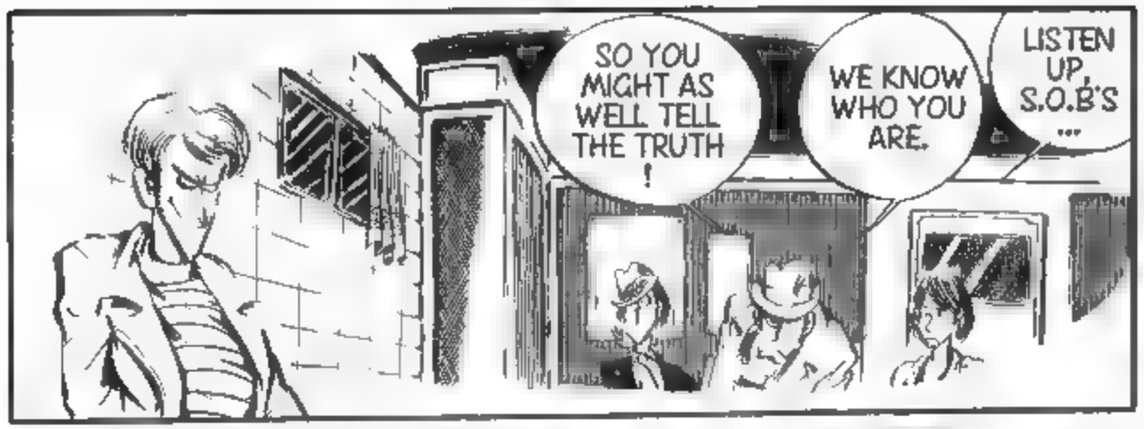
BUT THE MOVEMENT HAS NEVER BEEN STRONGER!

TOSA!!

WHAT DO YOU WANT ... A MEDAL?
WE TOOK THEM ALIVE, AS YOU INSTRUCTED.
THAT WAS HARD!!
...IT'S A GOOD THING MY DADDY'S LONG DEAD.
WHEN I HAVE TO THINK ABOUT WORKING WITH A COUPLE OF THUGS LIKE THESE...
SHUT UP!!
MAYBE I SHOULD BECOME A DETECTIVE ?
I HAVE A KNACK FOR THIS.

WHAT ...?
THEN TAKE SOME-THING!
THIS!!
WHY, YOU, SIR!
WHO'S THE LEADER ON THIS ISLAND?!


HEAD-QUARTERS, SIR.


SO YOU MIGHT AS WELL TELL THE TRUTH !
WE KNOW WHO YOU ARE.
LISTEN UP, S.O.B'S ...

YOU SWALLOWED A GOD DAMN NUKE!

ONE OF YOU...
...DID SOMETHING VERY NAUGHTY.

HA HA HA.
HA HA HA.

YOU'RE TOO LATE, INSPECTOR.

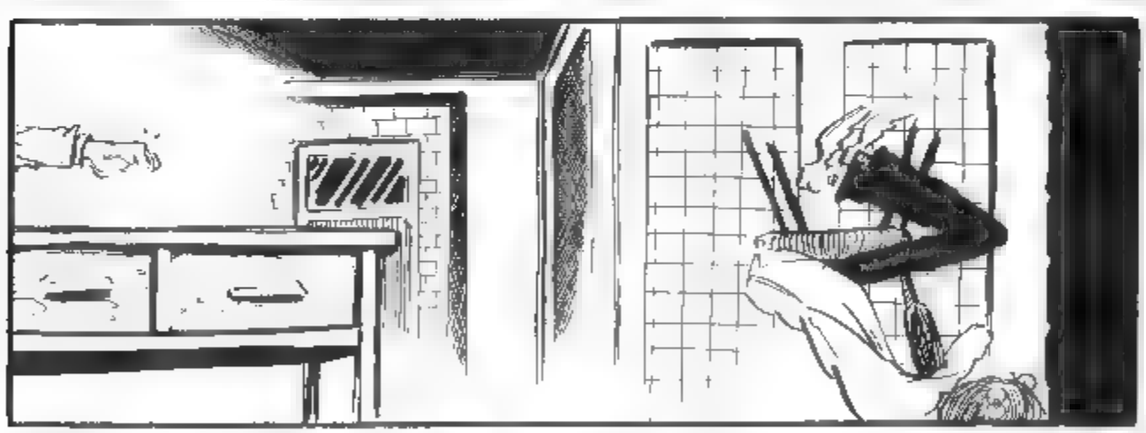
...UNTIL OUR DEMANDS ARE MET!
WE WILL NEVER REST...
WE ARE MEMBERS OF THE STUDENT ALLIANCE.
THE MOVE-MENT HAS BEGUN!

...WE ARE PREPARED TO DIE FOR OUR CAUSE!

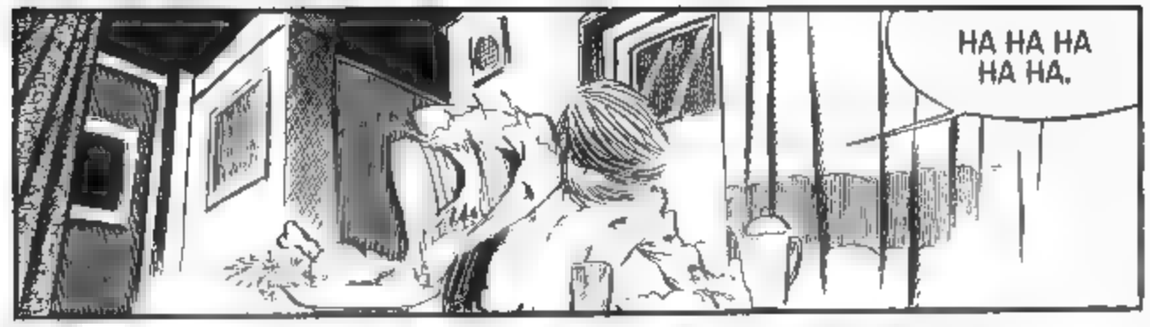
SINCE VIOLENCE IS THE ONLY THING YOUR GENERATION UNDERSTANDS ...

...IS TRANSFERRED TO US IMMEDIATELY!!
WE DEMAND THAT ALL BUREAU-CRATIC POWER...

GO TO HELL!



WE'VE CROSSED THE LINE! THERE'S NO GOING BACK! WE WILL USHER IN A NEW WORLD ORDER!!


HA HA HA HA HA.

SO, TOSA.

SADLY, SEVERAL OF OUR OPERATIVES WERE CAPTURED.

WHAT HAPPENED IN TOKYO?

TERIYA – CHEMISTRY.
...FROM ELEC-TRONICS.
BURU ...

...WITH THE BOMB STILL IN HIS STOMACH!
AND KAKUTA ...

AHH...KAKUTA...

DON'T YOU KNOW?
WHO'S THAT?

ONE MORE KEY OPERATIVE WAS TAKEN.

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...
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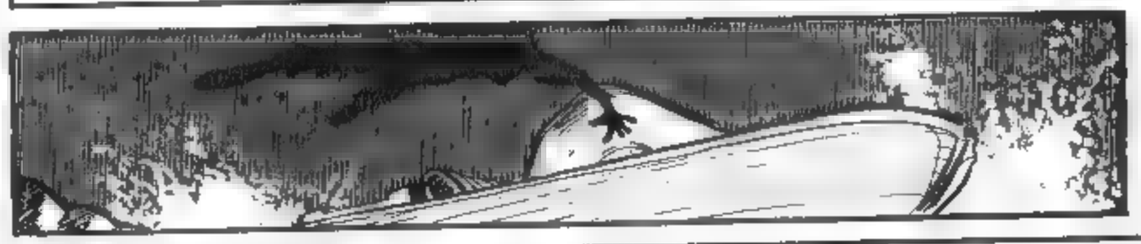
IT WAS YOU! SHIBA!

...ONE MORE TIME.
LET ME SEE THAT BADGE OF YOURS...

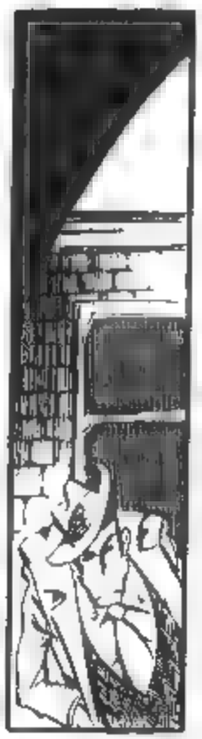


IT'S HEADING BACK TO SHORE!

GODDAMN RADIO CONTROLLED STEERING!

WE'VE BEEN TREATED BY THE SYSTEM AS A NON-THREAT.

TRY TO UNDERSTAND, INSPECTOR.



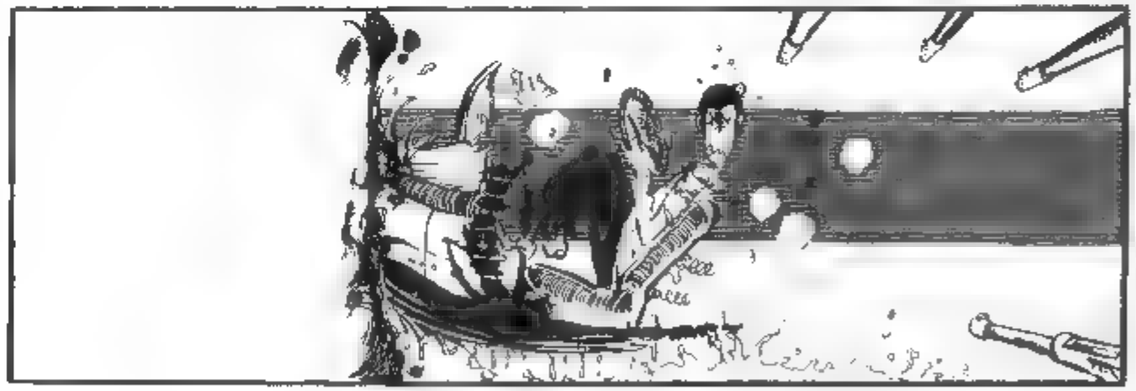
...MEDICAL SCHOOL, ENGINEERING, ECONOMICS.
WE TAKE COURSES, STUDY FOR EXAMS...

I'M BEGGING YOU. WHO HAS THE BOMB?

IF OUR DEMANDS AREN'T MET, WE'RE DETONATING!
YOU'LL FIND OUT AT MIDNIGHT.

BUT WHAT HAPPENS WHEN WE UNITE?
OBVIOUSLY, THE POWERS THAT BE REALIZE WE MEAN BUSINESS!!

LUPIN IS OUR ONLY HOPE.
NOW THIS SUCKS.

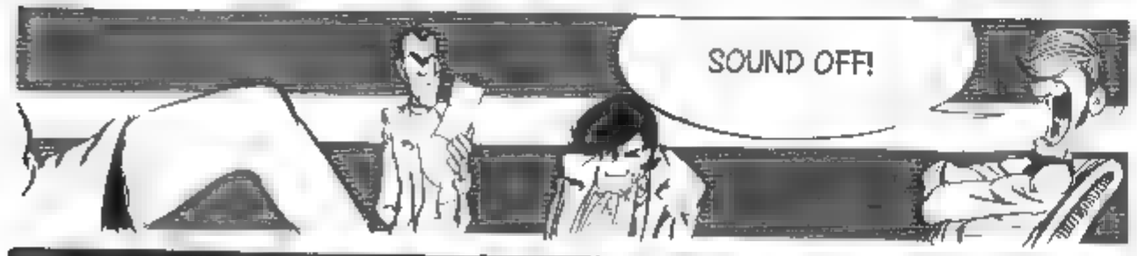


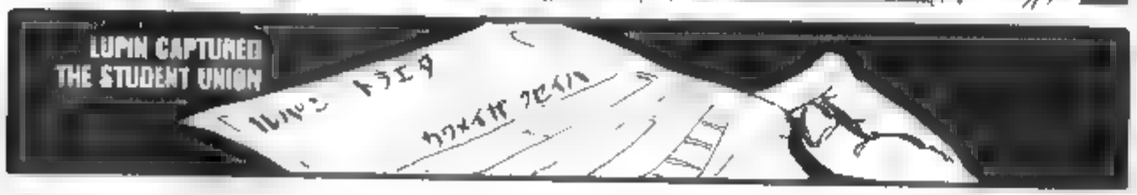
EITHER WAY...

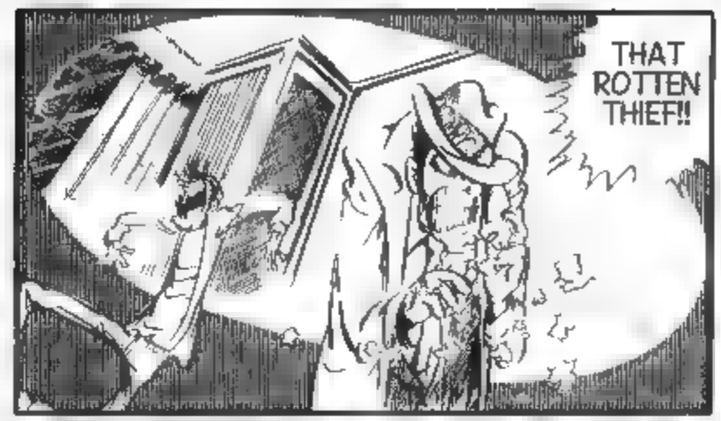
...WE SHOULD ISSUE A STATEMENT!

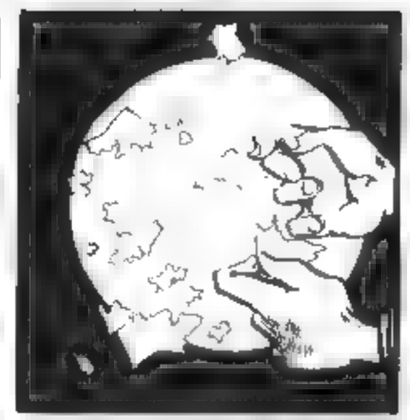
HE KNOWS WHO HAS THE BOMB!

LET'S KILL HIM NOW, BEFORE HE CAN ESCAPE AGAIN.


SOUND OFF!


LUPIN CAPTURED THE STUDENT UNION

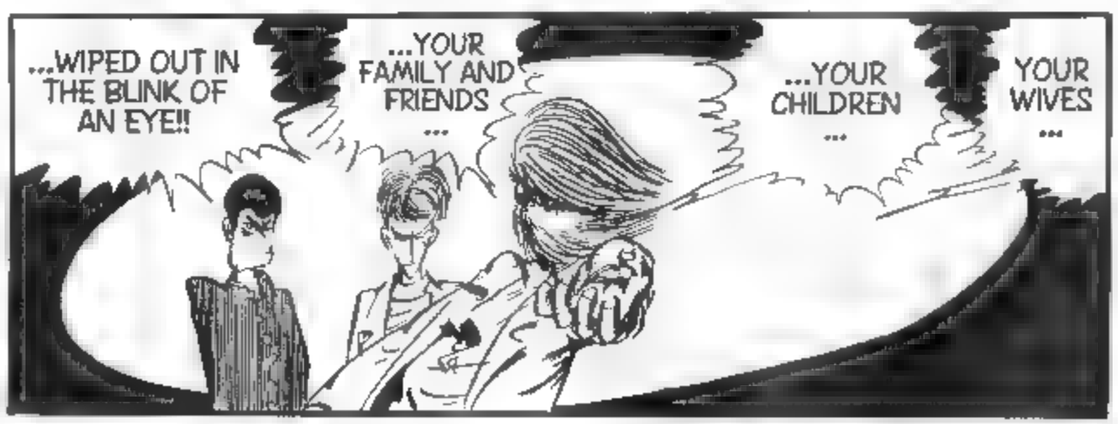

THAT ROTTEN THIEF!!



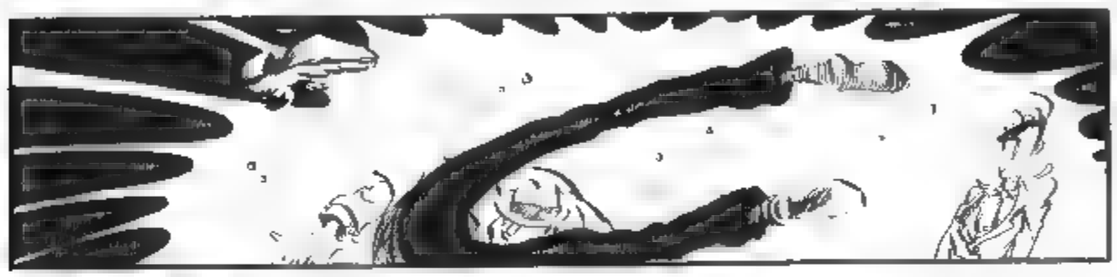
TAKE A GOOD LOOK OUTSIDE, INSPECTOR.

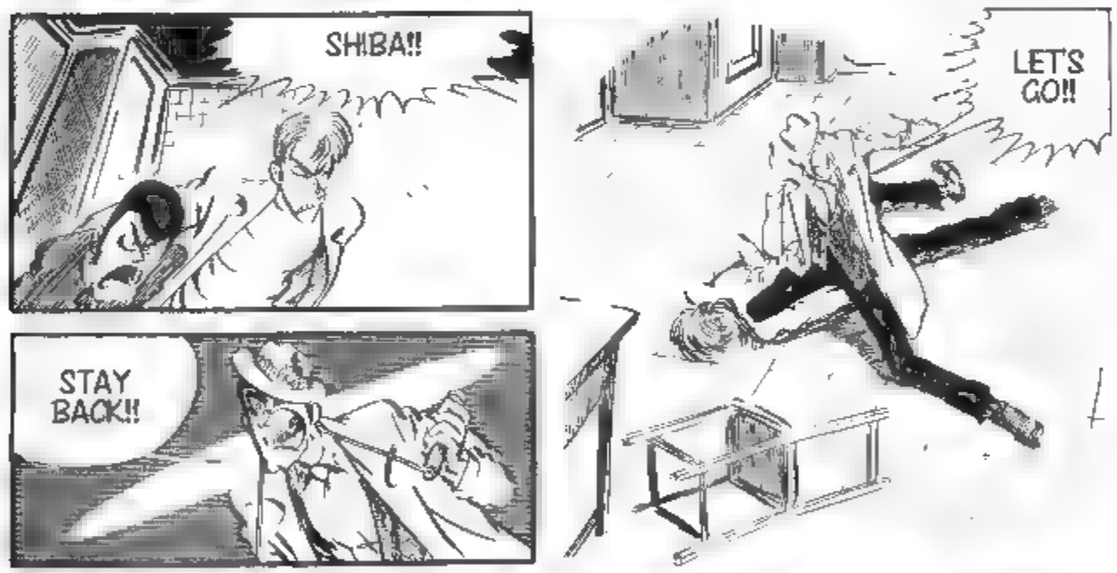
ONE HOUR FROM NOW ...

...TOKYO WILL BE A GIANT PILE OF ASH. HA HA HA!!

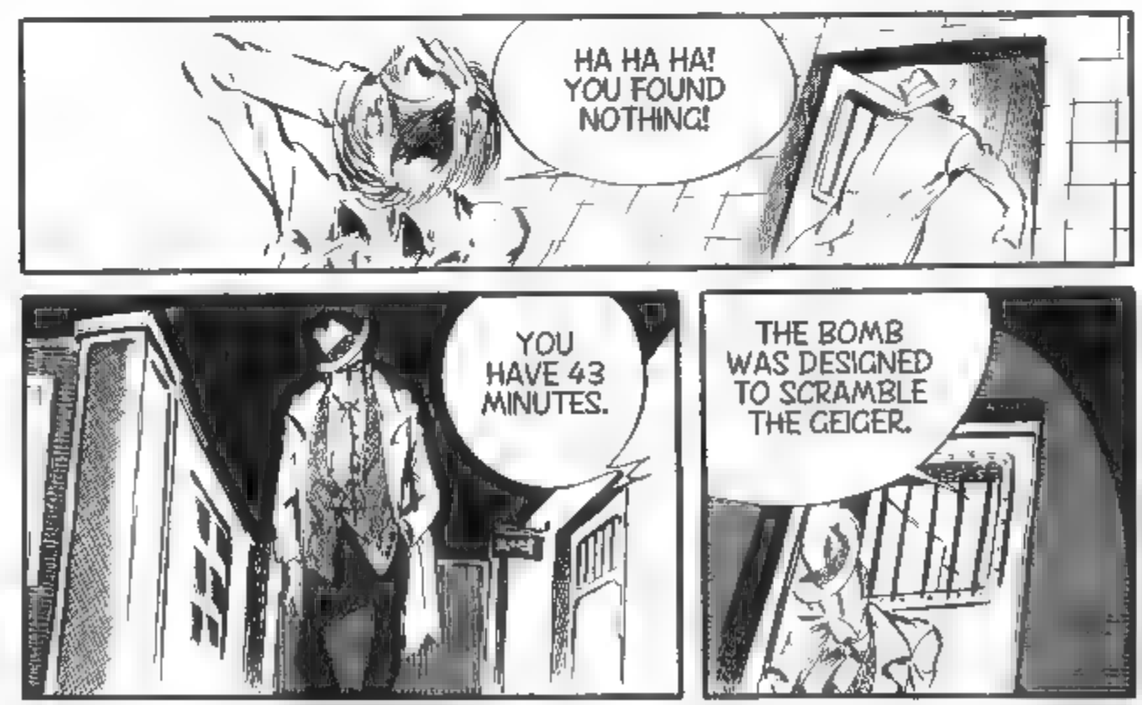

...WIPED OUT IN THE BLINK OF AN EYE!!
...YOUR FAMILY AND FRIENDS ...
...YOUR CHILDREN ...
YOUR WIVES ...

GIVE US BACK OUR RIGHT TO LEARN!!
OUR DEMANDS AREN'T UNREASON-ABLE!
GIVE US BACK OUR UNIVERSITY!!

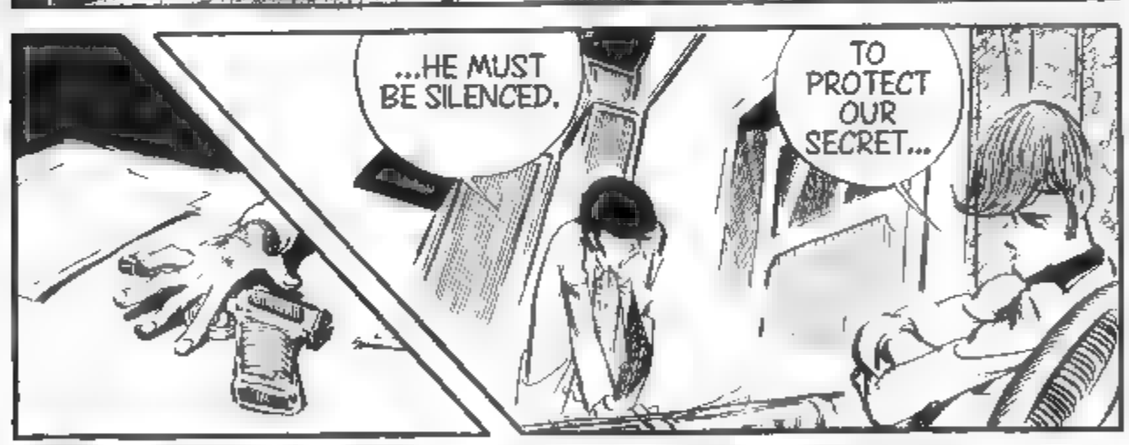


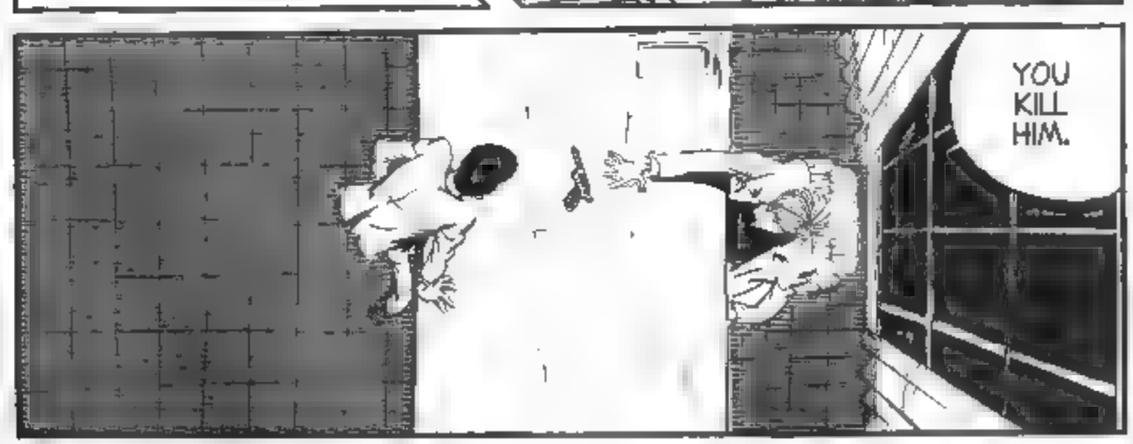

SHIBA!!
LET'S GO!!
STAY BACK!!

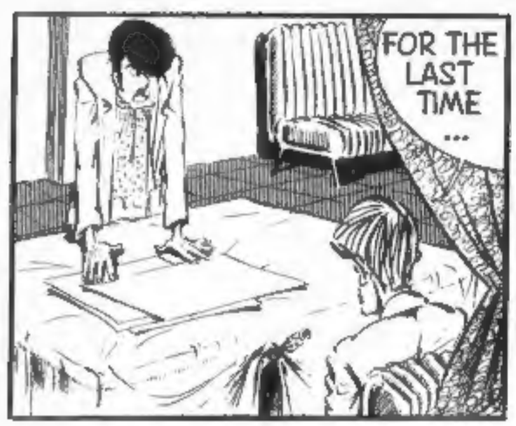
A GEIGER COUNTER !!



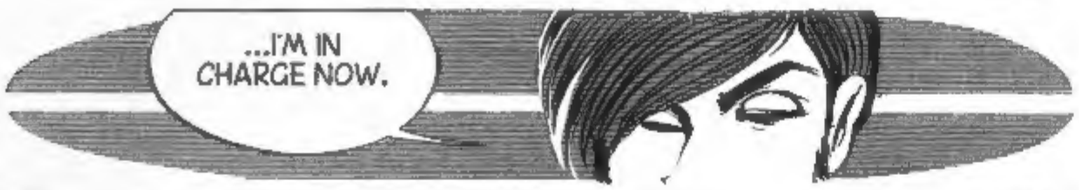
MEANWHILE, ON YOUNG ISLAND...



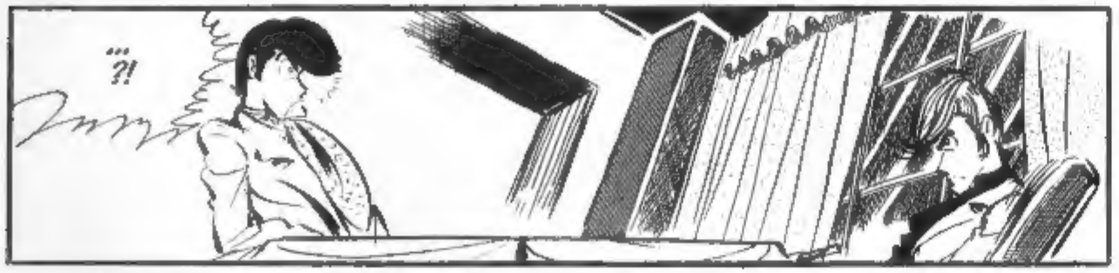



FOR THE LAST TIME ...

I HAVE TO INFORM THE OTHERS.


...I'M IN CHARGE NOW.

DO AS I SAY!!

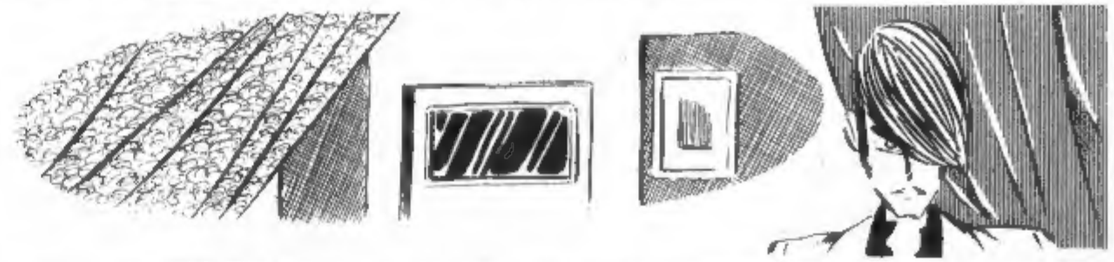

...?!

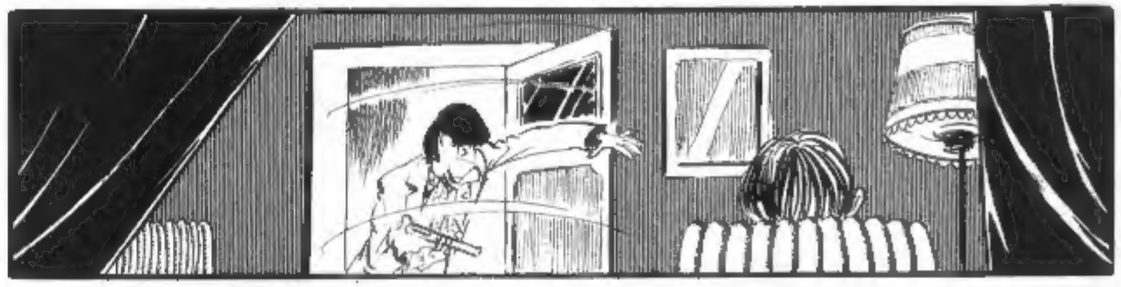
I WILL!

HE'S BLINKING... IN MORSE CODE.. IT'S A MESSAGE!

OKAY.
FOR THE UNION.

I CAN'T KILL HIM. I'M A POETRY MAJOR.





AND GIVE HIM A BOAT TOO!
ARE YOU NUTS?

UNTIL SHIBA RETURNS, I'M IN CHARGE.

NO BIG DEAL...LET HIM GO.
LUPIN'S ESCAPED!

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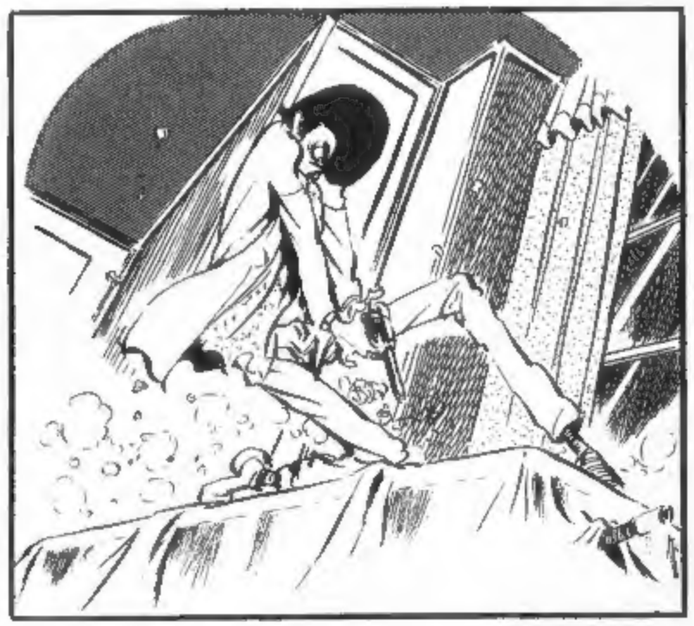
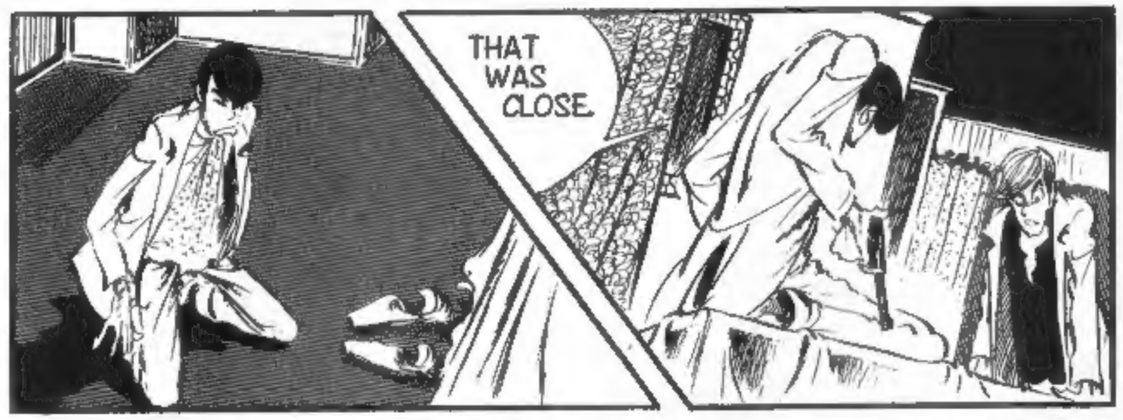
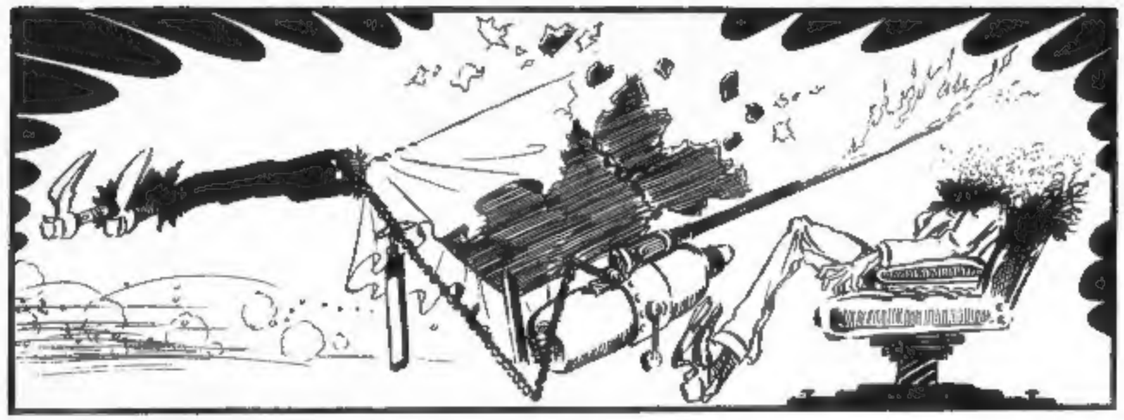


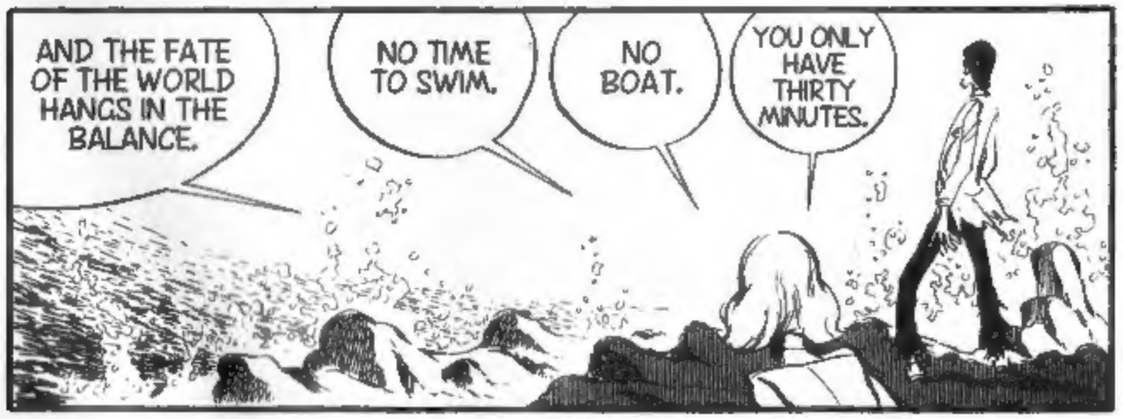

THAT WAS CLOSE.

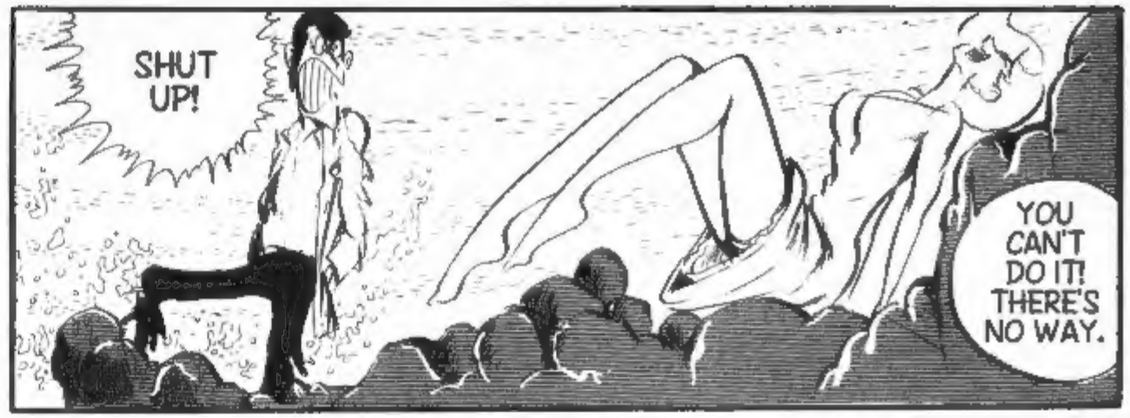
ALLOW ME.
I'LL DISPOSE OF THE BODY.



FUJIKO, YOU'RE AWAKE.
HOW DO YOU PLAN TO GET THAT TO TOKYO ?

FINALLY. A PHOTO OF KAKUTA.


AND THE FATE OF THE WORLD HANGS IN THE BALANCE.
NO TIME TO SWIM.
NO BOAT.
YOU ONLY HAVE THIRTY MINUTES.


SHUT UP!
YOU CAN'T DO IT! THERE'S NO WAY.

...AND A HOMING PIGEON...

WHERE THERE'S A WILL...

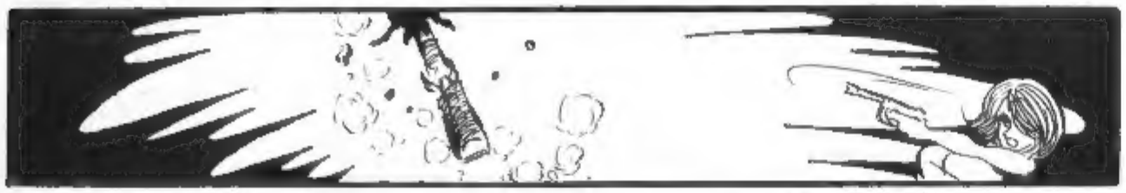
...THERE'S A WAY!

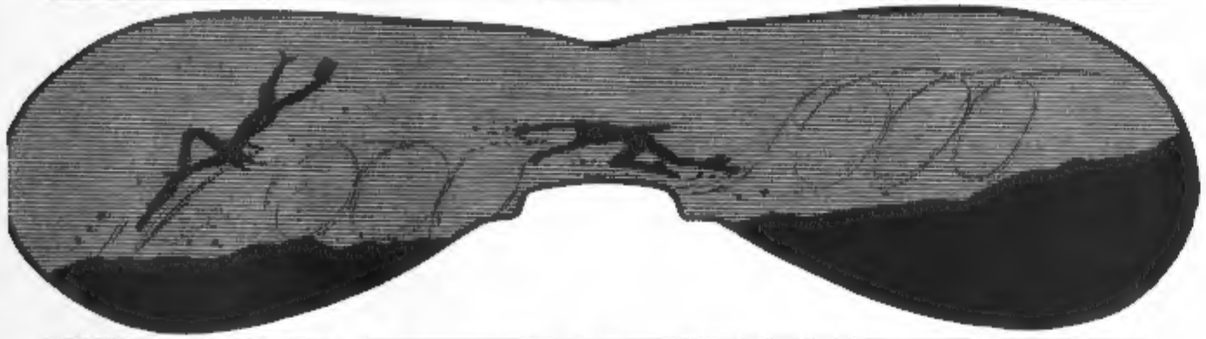
HA! I HAVEN'T USED THAT TRICK SINCE VOLUME 1!

REMEMBER WHAT I SAID.
JIGEN... GOEMON ...!

IT'S TIME TO DIE.
JUST GIVE UP.

...THE ULTIMATE WEAPON. TIME TO MAKE LIKE DA VINCI.
THE MIND IS...





BUT WE CAN'T GET TO HIM!

AND HE HAS THE PHOTO!
HE'S ALIVE!!
IT'S LUPIN !

ONE THOUSAND ?
A ONE AND THREE ZEROS?
HMM. A LEAP AND THREE SOMERSAULTS ...
...I THINK HE'S SENDING US A SIGNAL.

LUPIN III

VOLUME 9 PREVIEW

Lupin's commissioned to tutor a little tike in the art of thievery only to discover that lascivious luster cannot be taught. The boy's great at everything except getting it on. And next, Lupin learns that he cannot outrun fate; no matter how lackluster his schemes to rob, he is destined to steal. It cannot be helped. He must suffer this horrible life of crime...and where else to seek comfort in this time of woe than in the arms of a beautiful woman...or several...on alternate nights, sometimes on the same night, especially if their orgasms yield coded secrets to a monstrous treasure. Oh well, no rest for the wicked...well, not until the wicked—in this story, a coven of wenches led by Lupin's rival, Fujiko, hell bent on turning the fox in—can catch the master thief. Now, does he want to be caught? All that and a little backstabbing in this new, exciting volume of Lupin III.